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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002 Commission File Number 0-21886

BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

52-0812977

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4724 SW Macadam Avenue Portland, Oregon

97239

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(503) 220-0988

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common Stock, Par Value \$.01 Per Share (Title of class)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes \underline{X} No $\underline{\hspace{0.2cm}}$

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is an accelerated filer (as indicated by Exchange Act Rule 12 b-2) Yes $_$ No \underline{X}

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

State the aggregate market value of the common equity held by non-affiliates of the Registrant: \$8,164,615 at June 28, 2002.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the Registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

Class

Common Stock, Par Value \$.01 Per Share

Outstanding at February 28, 2003

5,751,035 Shares

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the definitive Proxy Statement for the 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are hereby incorporated by reference into Part III of Form 10-K.

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Item 1. BUSINESS

General

Barrett Business Services, Inc. ("Barrett" or the "Company"), was incorporated in the state of Maryland in 1965. Barrett is a leading human resource management company. The Company provides comprehensive outsourced solutions addressing the costs and complexities of a broad array of employment-related issues for businesses of all sizes. Employers are faced with increasing complexities in employment laws and regulations, employee benefits and administration, federal, state and local payroll tax compliance and mandatory workers' compensation coverage, as well as the recruitment and retention of quality employees. The Company believes that outsourcing the management of various employer and human resource responsibilities, which are typically considered non-core functions, enables organizations to focus on their core competencies, thereby improving operating efficiencies.

Barrett's range of services and expertise in human resource management encompasses five major categories: payroll processing, employee benefits and administration, workers' compensation coverage, effective risk management and workplace safety programs, and human resource administration, which includes functions such as recruiting, interviewing, drug testing, hiring, placement, training and regulatory compliance. These services are typically provided through a variety of contractual arrangements, as part of either a traditional staffing service or a professional employer organization ("PEO") service. Staffing services include on-demand or short-term staffing assignments, long-term or indefinite-term contract staffing, and comprehensive on-site personnel management responsibilities. In a PEO arrangement, the Company enters into a contract to become a co-employer of the client company's existing workforce and assumes responsibility for some or all of the human resource management responsibilities. The Company's target PEO clients typically have limited resources available to effectively manage these matters. The Company believes that its ability to offer clients a broad mix of staffing and PEO services differentiates it from its competitors and benefits its clients through (i) lower recruiting and personnel administration costs, (ii) decreases in payroll expenses due to lower workers' compensation and health insurance costs, (iii) improvements in workplace safety and employee benefits, (iv) lower employee turnover and (v) reductions in management resources expended in employment-related regulatory compliance. For 2002, Barrett's staffing services revenues represented 88.5% of total revenues, compared to 11.5% for PEO services revenues.

Barrett provides services to a diverse array of customers, including, among others, electronics manufacturers, various light-manufacturing industries, forest products and agriculture-based companies, transportation and shipping enterprises, food processing, telecommunications, public utilities, general contractors in numerous construction-related fields and various professional services firms. During 2002, the Company provided staffing services to approximately 2,900 customers, down from 3,300 in 2001. Although a majority of the Company's staffing customers are small to mid-sized businesses, during 2002 approximately 20 of the Company's customers each utilized Barrett employees in a number ranging from at least 200 employees to as many as 425 employees through various staffing services arrangements. In addition, Barrett had approximately 300 PEO clients at December 31, 2002, compared to 380 at December 31, 2001 and Barrett employed approximately 3,100 and 3,500 employees pursuant to PEO contracts at December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The decrease in the number of PEO customers at December 31, 2002 was primarily due to the Company's decision to discontinue doing business with customers who were not providing adequate profit margins or represented unacceptable levels of risk associated with credit or workplace safety.

The Company operates through a network of 26 branch offices in Oregon, California, Washington, Maryland, Delaware, Arizona and North Carolina. Barrett also has several smaller recruiting offices in its general market areas under the direction of a branch office.

Operating Strategies

The Company's principal operating strategies are to: (i) provide effective human resource management services through a unique and efficient blend of staffing and PEO arrangements, (ii) promote a decentralized and autonomous management philosophy and structure, (iii) leverage branch office economies of scale, (iv) motivate employees through regular profit sharing and (v) control workers' compensation costs through effective risk management.

Growth Strategies

The Company's principal growth strategies are to: (i) support, strengthen and expand branch office operations, (ii) enhance management information systems to support continued growth and to improve customer services and (iii) expand through acquisitions of human resource-related businesses in new and existing geographic markets.

Acquisitions

The Company reviews acquisition opportunities on a periodic basis. While growth through acquisition has historically been a major element of the Company's overall strategic growth plan, there can be no assurance that any additional acquisitions will be completed in the foreseeable future, or that any future acquisitions will have a positive effect on the Company's performance. Acquisitions involve a number of potential risks, including the diversion of management's attention to the assimilation of the operations and personnel of the acquired companies, exposure to workers' compensation and other costs in differing regulatory environments, adverse short-term effects on the Company's operating results and integration of management information systems. Management's current focus is on returning the Company to profitability rather than pursuing acquisition opportunities.

The Company's Services

<u>Overview of Services</u>. Barrett's services are typically provided through a variety of contractual arrangements, as part of either a traditional staffing service or a PEO service. These contractual arrangements also provide a continuum of human resource management services. While some services are more frequently associated with Barrett's co-employer arrangements, the Company's expertise in such areas as safety services and personnel-related regulatory compliance may also be utilized by its staffing services customers through the Company's human resource management services. The Company's range of services and expertise in human resource management encompasses five major categories:

- Payroll Processing. For both the Company's staffing services and PEO employees, the Company performs all functions associated with payroll administration, including preparing and delivering paychecks, computing tax withholding and payroll deductions, handling garnishments, computing vacation and sick pay, and preparing W-2 forms and accounting reports through centralized operations at its headquarters in Portland, Oregon.
- Employee Benefits and Administration. As a result of its size, Barrett is able to offer employee benefits which are typically not available at an affordable cost to many of its customers, particularly those with fewer than 100 employees. These benefits include health care insurance, a 401(k) savings plan, a Section 125 cafeteria plan, life and disability insurance, claims administration and a nonqualified deferred compensation plan.
- Safety Services. Barrett offers safety services to both its staffing services and PEO customers in keeping with its corporate philosophy of "making the workplace safer."
 The Company has at least one risk manager available at each branch office to per-

form workplace safety assessments for each of its customers and to recommend actions to achieve safer operations. The Company's services include safety training and safety manuals for both workers and supervisors, job-site visits and meetings, improvements in workplace procedures and equipment to further reduce the risk of injury, compliance with OSHA requirements, environmental regulations, workplace regulation by the U.S. Department of Labor and state agencies and accident investigations. As discussed under "Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program" below, the Company also pays safety incentives to its customers who achieve improvements in workplace safety.

- Workers' Compensation Coverage. Beginning in 1987, the Company obtained self-insured employer status for workers' compensation coverage in Oregon and is currently a qualified self-insured employer in many of the states in which it operates. Through its third-party administrators, Barrett provides claims management services to its PEO customers. As discussed under "Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program" below, the Company works aggressively at managing job injury claims, including identifying fraudulent claims and utilizing its staffing services to return workers to active employment earlier. As a result of its efforts to manage workers' compensation costs, the Company is often able to reduce its clients' overall expenses arising out of job-related injuries and insurance.
- Human Resource Administration. Barrett offers its clients the opportunity to leverage the Company's experience in personnel-related regulatory compliance. For both its staffing services employees and PEO clients, the Company handles the burdens of advertising, recruitment, skills testing, evaluating job applications and references, drug screening, criminal and motor vehicle records reviews, hiring, and compliance with such employment regulatory areas as immigration, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and federal and state labor regulations.

Staffing Services. Barrett's staffing services include on-demand or short-term staffing assignments, contract staffing, long-term or indefinite-term on-site management and human resource administration. Short-term staffing involves employee demands caused by such factors as seasonality, fluctuations in customer demand, vacations, illnesses, parental leave, and special projects without incurring the ongoing expense and administrative responsibilities associated with recruiting, hiring and retaining additional permanent employees. As more and more companies focus on effectively managing variable costs and reducing fixed overhead, the use of employees on a short-term basis allows firms to utilize the "just-in-time" approach for their personnel needs, thereby converting a portion of their fixed personnel costs to a variable expense.

Contract staffing refers to the Company's responsibilities for the placement of employees for a period of more than three months or an indefinite period. This type of arrangement often involves outsourcing an entire department in a large corporation or providing the workforce for a large project.

In an on-site management arrangement, Barrett places an experienced manager on site at a customer's place of business. The manager is responsible for conducting all recruiting, screening, interviewing, testing, hiring and employee placement functions at the customer's facility for a long-term or indefinite period.

The Company's staffing services customers operate in a broad range of businesses, including forest products and agriculture-based companies, electronic manufacturers, transportation and shipping companies, food processors, professional firms and construction contractors. Such custom-

ers range in size from small local firms to companies with international operations, which use Barrett's services on a domestic basis. None of the Company's staffing services customers individually accounted for more than 3% of its total 2002 revenues.

In 2002, the light industrial sector generated approximately 73% of the Company's staffing services revenues, while clerical office staff accounted for 21% of such revenues and technical personnel represented the balance of 6%. Light industrial workers in the Company's employ perform such tasks as operation of machinery, manufacturing, loading and shipping, site preparation for special events, construction-site cleanup and janitorial services. Technical personnel include electronic parts assembly workers and designers and drafters of electronic parts.

Barrett emphasizes prompt, personalized service in assigning quality, trained, drug-free personnel at competitive rates to its staffing services customers. The Company uses internally developed computer databases of employee skills and availability at each of its branches to match customer needs with available qualified employees. The Company emphasizes the development of an understanding of the unique requirements of its clientele by its account managers. Customers are offered a "money-back" guarantee if dissatisfied with staffing employees placed by Barrett.

The Company utilizes a variety of methods to recruit its work force for staffing services, including among others, referrals by existing employees, newspaper advertising and marketing brochures distributed at colleges and vocational schools. The employee application process includes an interview, skills assessment test, reference verification and drug screening. The recruiting of qualified employees requires more effort when unemployment rates are low. In mid-2000, the Company implemented a new, comprehensive pre-employment screening test to further ensure that applicants are appropriately qualified for employment.

Barrett's staffing services employees are not under its direct control while working at a customer's business. Barrett has not experienced any significant liability due to claims arising out of negligent acts or misconduct by its staffing services employees. The possibility exists, however, of claims being asserted against the Company which may exceed the Company's liability insurance coverage, with a resulting negative effect on the Company's financial condition.

<u>PEO Services</u>. Many businesses, particularly those with a limited number of employees, find personnel administration requirements to be unduly complex and time consuming. These businesses often cannot justify the expense of a full-time human resource staff. In addition, the escalating costs of health and workers' compensation insurance in recent years, coupled with the increased complexity of laws and regulations affecting the workplace, have created a compelling opportunity for small to mid-sized businesses to outsource these managerial burdens. The outsourcing of non-core business functions, such as human resource administration, enables small enterprises to devote their limited resources to their core competencies.

In a PEO services arrangement, Barrett enters into a contract to become a co-employer of the client company's existing workforce. Pursuant to this contract, Barrett assumes responsibility for some or all of the human resource management responsibilities, including payroll and payroll taxes, employee benefits, health insurance, workers' compensation coverage, workplace safety programs, compliance with federal and state employment laws, labor and workplace regulatory requirements and related administrative responsibilities. Barrett has the right to hire and fire its PEO employees, although the client company remains responsible for day-to-day assignments, supervision and training and, in most cases, recruiting.

The Company began offering PEO services to Oregon customers in 1990 and subsequently expanded these services to other states. The Company has entered into co-employer arrangements

with a wide variety of clients, including companies involved in moving and shipping, professional firms, construction, retail, manufacturing and distribution businesses. PEO clients are typically small to mid-sized businesses with up to 100 employees. None of the Company's PEO clients individually accounted for more than 3% of its total annual revenues during 2002.

Prior to entering into a co-employer arrangement, the Company performs an analysis of the potential client's actual personnel and workers' compensation costs based on information provided by the customer. Barrett introduces its workplace safety program and recommends improvements in procedures and equipment following a safety inspection of the customer's facilities which the potential client must agree to implement as part of the co-employer arrangement. Barrett also offers financial incentives to PEO clients to maintain a safe-work environment.

The Company's standard PEO services agreement provides for services for an indefinite term, until notice of termination is given by either party. The agreement permits cancellation by either party upon 30 days written notice. In addition, the Company may terminate the agreement at any time for specified reasons, including nonpayment or failure to follow Barrett's workplace safety program.

The form of agreement also provides for indemnification of the Company by the client against losses arising out of any default by the client under the agreement, including failure to comply with any employment-related, health and safety or immigration laws or regulations. The Company also requires the PEO client to maintain comprehensive liability coverage in the amount of \$1 million for acts of its work-site employees. In addition, the Company has excess liability insurance coverage. Although no claims exceeding such policy limits have been paid by the Company to date, the possibility exists that claims for amounts in excess of sums available to the Company through indemnification or insurance may be asserted in the future, which could adversely affect the Company's profitability.

Sales and Marketing

The Company's marketing efforts are principally focused on branch-level development of local business relationships. On a regional and national level, efforts are made to expand and align the Company's services to fulfill the needs of local customers with multiple locations, which may include using on-site Barrett personnel and the opening of additional offices to better serve a customer's broader geographic needs.

Billing

Through centralized operations at the Company's headquarters in Portland, Oregon, the Company prepares invoices weekly for its staffing services customers and following the end of each payroll period for PEO clients. Health insurance premiums are passed through to PEO clients. Payment terms for most PEO clients are due on the invoice date.

Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program

A principal service provided by Barrett to its customers, particularly its PEO clients, is workers' compensation coverage. As the employer of record, Barrett is responsible for complying with applicable statutory requirements for workers' compensation coverage. The Company's workplace safety services, also described under "Overview of Services," are closely tied to its approach to the management of workers' compensation risk.

Elements of Workers' Compensation System. State law (and, for certain types of employees, federal law) generally mandates that an employer reimburse its employees for the costs of medical care and other specified benefits for injuries or illnesses, including catastrophic injuries and fatalities, incurred in the course and scope of employment. The benefits payable for various categories of claims are determined by state regulation and vary with the severity and nature of the injury or illness and other specified factors. In return for this guaranteed protection, workers' compensation is

an exclusive remedy and employees are generally precluded from seeking other damages from their employer for workplace injuries. Most states require employers to maintain workers' compensation insurance or otherwise demonstrate financial responsibility to meet workers' compensation obligations to employees. In many states, employers who meet certain financial and other requirements are permitted to self-insure.

Self Insurance for Workers' Compensation. In August 1987, Barrett became a self-insured employer for workers' compensation coverage in Oregon. The Company subsequently obtained self-insured employer status for workers' compensation in four additional states, Maryland, Washington, Delaware and California. In addition, in May 1995, the Company was granted self-insured employer status by the U.S. Department of Labor for longshore and harbor ("USL&H") workers' compensation coverage. Effective April 16, 2001, the Company voluntarily elected to terminate its USL&H self-insured status. Regulations governing self-insured employers in each jurisdiction typically require the employer to maintain surety deposits of cash, government securities or other financial instruments to cover workers' claims in the event the employer is unable to pay for such claims.

To manage its financial exposure from the incidence of catastrophic injuries and fatalities, the Company maintains excess workers' compensation insurance pursuant to an annual policy with a major insurance company. Through December 31, 2001, such excess insurance included a self-insured retention or deductible of \$350,000. Beginning January 1, 2002, the Company's excess workers' compensation insurance policy provided coverage for single occurrences exceeding \$750,000 with statutory limits. Effective January 1, 2003, the per occurrence retention remained at \$750,000, but the policy limit was changed to \$20 million. The excess-insurance policy contains standard exclusions from coverage, including punitive damages, fines or penalties in connection with violation of any statute or regulation and losses covered by other insurance or indemnity provisions.

Claims Management. As a self-insured employer, the Company's workers' compensation expense is tied directly to the incidence and severity of workplace injuries to its employees. Barrett seeks to contain its workers' compensation costs through an aggressive approach to claims management. The Company uses managed-care systems to reduce medical costs and keeps time-loss costs to a minimum by assigning injured workers, whenever possible, to short-term assignments which accommodate the workers' physical limitations. The Company believes that these assignments minimize both time actually lost from work and covered time-loss costs. Barrett has also engaged third-party administrators ("TPAs") to provide additional claims management expertise. Typical management procedures include performing thorough and prompt on-site investigations of claims filed by employees, working with physicians to encourage efficient medical management of cases, denying questionable claims and attempting to negotiate early settlements to eliminate future case development and costs. Barrett also maintains a corporate-wide pre-employment drug screening program and a mandatory post-injury drug test. The program is believed to have resulted in a reduction in the frequency of fraudulent claims and in accidents in which the use of illegal drugs appears to have been a contributing factor.

Elements of Self-Insurance Costs. The costs associated with the Company's self-insured workers' compensation program include case reserves for reported claims, an additional expense provision for unanticipated increases in the cost of open injury claims (known as "adverse loss development") and for claims incurred in prior periods but not reported (referred to as "IBNR"), fees payable to the Company's TPAs, additional claims administration expenses, administrative fees payable to state and federal workers' compensation regulatory agencies, premiums for excess workers' compensation insurance and legal fees. Although not directly related to the size of the Company's payroll, the number of claims and correlative loss payments may be expected to increase with growth in the total number of employees. The state assessments are typically based on payroll amounts and, to a limited

extent, the amount of permanent disability awards during the previous year. Excess insurance premiums are also based in part on the size and risk profile of the Company's payroll and loss experience.

Workers' Compensation Claims Experience and Reserves

The Company recognizes its liability for the ultimate payment of incurred claims and claims adjustment expenses by accruing liabilities which represent estimates of future amounts necessary to pay claims and related expenses with respect to covered events that have occurred. When a claim involving a probable loss is reported, the Company's TPA establishes a case reserve for the estimated amount of ultimate loss. The estimate reflects an informed judgment based on established case reserving practices and the experience and knowledge of the TPA regarding the nature and expected value of the claim, as well as the estimated expense of settling the claim, including legal and other fees and expenses of administering claims. The adequacy of such case reserves depends on the professional judgment of each TPA to properly and comprehensively evaluate the economic consequences of each claim. Additionally, on an aggregate basis, the Company has established an additional expense reserve for both future adverse loss development in excess of initial case reserves on open claims and for claims incurred but not reported, referred to as the IBNR reserve.

As part of the case reserving process, historical data is reviewed and consideration is given to the anticipated effect of various factors, including known and anticipated legal developments, inflation and economic conditions. Reserve amounts are necessarily based on management's estimates, and as other data becomes available, these estimates are revised, which may result in increases or decreases in existing case reserves. Barrett has engaged a nationally-recognized, independent actuary to review annually the Company's total workers' compensation claims liability and reserving practices. Based in part on such review, the Company believes its total accrued workers' compensation claims liabilities at December 31, 2002, are adequate. It is possible, however, that the Company's actual future workers' compensation obligations may exceed the amount of its accrued liabilities, with a corresponding negative effect on future earnings, due to such factors as unanticipated adverse loss development of known claims, and the effect, if any, of claims incurred but not reported. Refer to Part II, Item 7, under the heading "Critical Accounting Policies".

Approximately one-fifth of the Company's total payroll exposure was in relatively high-risk industries with respect to workplace injuries, including trucking, construction and certain warehousing activities. Failure to successfully manage the severity and frequency of workers' compensation injuries results in increased workers' compensation expense and has a negative effect, which may be substantial, on the Company's operating results and financial condition. Management maintains clear guidelines for its branch office managers, account managers, and risk managers directly tying their continued employment with the Company to their diligence in understanding and addressing the risks of accident or injury associated with the industries in which client companies operate and in monitoring the compliance by clients with workplace safety requirements. The Company has a policy of "zero tolerance" for avoidable workplace injuries.

Management Information Systems

The Company performs all functions associated with payroll administration through its internal management information system. Each branch office performs payroll data entry functions and maintains an independent database of employees and customers, as well as payroll and invoicing records. All processing functions are centralized at Barrett's corporate headquarters in Portland, Oregon.

Employees and Employee Benefits

At December 31, 2002, the Company had approximately 8,380 employees, including approximately 5,100 staffing services employees, approximately 3,100 PEO employees and approximately 180 managerial, sales and administrative employees. The number of employees at any

given time may vary significantly due to business conditions at customer or client companies. During 2002, less than 1% of the Company's employees were covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Each of Barrett's managerial, sales and administrative employees has entered into a standard form of employment agreement which, among other provisions, contains covenants not to engage in certain activities in competition with the Company for 18 months following termination of employment and to maintain the confidentiality of certain proprietary information. Barrett believes its employee relations are good.

Benefits offered to Barrett's staffing services employees include group health insurance, a Section 125 cafeteria plan which permits employees to use pretax earnings to fund various services, including medical, dental and childcare, and a Section 401(k) savings plan pursuant to which employees may begin making contributions upon reaching 21 years of age and completing 1,000 hours of service in any consecutive 12-month period. The Company may also make contributions to the savings plan, which vest over seven years and are subject to certain legal limits, at the sole discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. In addition, the Company offers a nonqualified deferred compensation plan for highly compensated employees who are precluded from participation in the 401(k) plan. Employees subject to a co-employer arrangement may participate in the Company's benefit plans, provided that the group health insurance premiums may, at the client's option, be paid by payroll deduction. See "Regulatory and Legislative Issues—Employee Benefit Plans."

Regulatory and Legislative Issues

Business Operations. The Company is subject to the laws and regulations of the jurisdictions within which it operates, including those governing self-insured employers under the workers' compensation systems in Oregon, Washington, Maryland, Delaware and California. An Oregon PEO company, such as Barrett, is required to be licensed as a worker-leasing company by the Workers' Compensation Division of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services. Temporary staffing companies are expressly exempt from the Oregon licensing requirement. Oregon PEO companies are also required to ensure that each PEO client provides adequate training and supervision for its employees to comply with statutory requirements for workplace safety and to give 30 days written notice in the event of a termination of its obligation to provide workers' compensation coverage for PEO employees and other subject employees of a PEO client. Although compliance with these requirements imposes some additional financial risk on Barrett, particularly with respect to those clients who breach their payment obligation to the Company, such compliance has not had a significant adverse impact on Barrett's business to date.

Employee Benefit Plans. The Company's operations are affected by numerous federal and state laws relating to labor, tax and employment matters. By entering into a co-employer relationship with employees who are assigned to work at client locations (sometimes referred to as "work-site employees"), the Company assumes certain obligations and responsibilities of an employer under these federal and state laws. Because many of these federal and state laws were enacted prior to the development of nontraditional employment relationships, such as professional employer, temporary employment, and outsourcing arrangements, many of these laws do not specifically address the obligations and responsibilities of nontraditional employers. In addition, the definition of "employer" under these laws is not uniform.

As an employer, the Company is subject to all federal statutes and regulations governing its employer-employee relationships. Subject to the issues discussed below, the Company believes that its operations are in compliance in all material respects with all applicable federal statutes and regulations.

The Company offers various qualified employee benefit plans to its employees, including its work-site employees. These employee benefit plans include a savings plan (the "401(k) plan") under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), a cafeteria plan under Code Section 125, a group health plan, a group life insurance plan and a group disability insurance plan. In addition, the Company offers a nonqualified deferred compensation plan, which is available to highly compensated employees who are not eligible to participate in the Company's 401(k) plan. Generally, qualified employee benefit plans are subject to provisions of both the Code and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). In order to qualify for favorable tax treatment under the Code, qualified plans must be established and maintained by an employer for the exclusive benefit of its employees. See Item 7 of this report for a discussion of issues regarding qualification of the Company's employee benefit plans arising out of participation by the Company's PEO employees.

Competition

The staffing services and PEO businesses are characterized by intense competition. The staffing services market includes competitors of all sizes, including several, such as Manpower, Inc., Kelly Services, Inc. and RemedyTemp, Inc., that are national in scope and have substantially greater financial, marketing and other resources than the Company. In addition to national companies, Barrett competes with numerous regional and local firms for both customers and employees. There are relatively few barriers to entry into the staffing services business. The principal competitive factors in the staffing services industry are price, the ability to provide qualified workers in a timely manner and the monitoring of job performance. The Company attributes its internal growth in staffing services revenues to the cost-efficiency of its operations which permits the Company to price its services competitively, and to its ability through its branch office network to understand and satisfy the needs of its customers with competent personnel.

Although there are believed to be at least 800 companies currently offering PEO services in the U.S., many of these potential competitors are located in states in which the Company presently does not operate. Barrett believes that there are approximately 60 firms offering PEO services in Oregon, but the Company has the largest presence in the state. During 2002, approximately 63% and 31% of the Company's PEO service fee revenues were earned in Oregon and California, respectively.

The Company may face additional PEO competition in the future from new entrants to the field, including other staffing services companies, payroll processing companies and insurance companies. Certain PEO companies operating in areas in which Barrett does not now, but may in the future, offer its services have greater financial and marketing resources than the Company, such as Administaff, Inc., Gevity HR, Inc. and Paychex, Inc., among others. Competition in the PEO industry is based largely on price, although service and quality can also provide competitive advantages. Barrett believes that its past growth in PEO service fee revenues is attributable to its ability to provide small and mid-sized companies with the opportunity to provide enhanced benefits to their employees while reducing their overall personnel administration and workers' compensation costs. The Company's competitive advantage may be adversely affected by a substantial increase in the costs of maintaining its self-insured workers' compensation program. A general market decrease in the level of workers' compensation insurance premiums may also decrease demand for PEO services.

Item 2. PROPERTIES

The Company provides staffing and PEO services through all 26 of its branch offices. The following table shows the number of branch offices located in each state in which the Company operates. The Company's California and Oregon offices accounted for 44% and 30%, respectively, of its total revenues in 2002. The Company also leases office space in other locations in its market areas which it uses to recruit and place employees.

<u>State</u>	Number of Branch <u>Offices</u>
Arizona	1
California	10
Oregon	9
Washington	1
Maryland	3
Delaware	1
North Carolina	1

The Company's corporate headquarters are located in an office building in Portland, Oregon, with approximately 9,500 square feet of office space. The building is subject to a mortgage loan with a principal balance of approximately \$347,000 at December 31, 2002. The Company also owns one other office building, in Portland, Oregon with approximately 8,200 square feet of office space, which houses its Portland/Bridgeport branch office. The Company recently entered into a definitive agreement with a third party for the sale and leaseback of both properties to the Company pursuant to long-term leases. Refer to Part II, Item 7, under the heading "Liquidity and Capital Resources" below.

Barrett leases office space for its other branch offices. At December 31, 2002, such leases had expiration dates ranging from less than one year to five years, with total minimum payments through 2007 of approximately \$2,747,000.

Item 3. **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

There were no material legal proceedings pending against the Company at December 31, 2002, or during the period beginning with that date through March 31, 2003.

Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

No matters were submitted to a vote of the Company's stockholders during the fourth quarter of 2002.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The following table identifies, as of February 28, 2003, each executive officer of the Company. Executive officers are elected annually and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Name	<u>Age</u>	Principal Positions and Business Experience	Officer Since
William W. Sherertz	57	President; Chief Executive Officer; Director	1980
Michael D. Mulholland	51	Vice President-Finance and Secretary; Chief Financial Officer	1994
Gregory R. Vaughn	47	Vice President	1998
James D. Miller	39	Controller and Assistant Secretary; Principal Accounting Offic	er 1994

William W. Sherertz has acted as Chief Executive Officer of the Company since 1980. He has also been a director of the Company since 1980, and was appointed President of the Company in March 1993. Mr. Sherertz also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Michael D. Mulholland joined the Company in August 1994 as Vice President-Finance and Secretary. From 1988 to 1994, Mr. Mulholland was employed by Sprouse-Reitz Stores Inc. ("Sprouse"), a former Nasdaq-listed retail company, serving as its Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary. Prior to Sprouse, Mr. Mulholland held senior management positions with Lamb-Weston, Inc., a food processing company, from 1985 to 1988, and Keil, Inc., a regional retail company, from 1978 to 1985. Mr. Mulholland, a certified public accountant on inactive status, was also employed by Touche Ross & Co., now known as Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Gregory R. Vaughn joined the Company in July 1997 as Operations Manager. Mr. Vaughn was appointed Vice President in January 1998. Prior to joining Barrett, Mr. Vaughn was Chief Executive Officer of Insource America, Inc., a privately-held human resource management company headquartered in Portland, Oregon, since 1996. Mr. Vaughn has also held senior management positions with Sundial Time Systems, Inc. from 1995 to 1996 and Continental Information Systems, Inc. from 1990 to 1994. Previously, Mr. Vaughn was employed as a technology consultant by Price Waterhouse LLP, now known as PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

James D. Miller joined the Company in January 1994 as Controller. From 1991 to 1994, he was the Corporate Accounting Manager for Christensen Motor Yacht Corporation. Mr. Miller, a certified public accountant on inactive status, was employed by Price Waterhouse LLP, now known as PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, from 1987 to 1991.

Item 5. <u>MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED</u> STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The Company's common stock (the "Common Stock") trades on The Nasdaq Stock Market's SmallCap™ tier under the symbol "BBSI." At February 28, 2003, there were 61 stockholders of record and approximately 500 beneficial owners of the Common Stock. The Company has not declared or paid any cash dividends since the closing of its initial public offering of Common Stock on June 18, 1993, and has no present plan to pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. The following table presents the high and low sales prices of the Common Stock for each quarterly period during the last two fiscal years, as reported by The Nasdaq Stock Market:

	}	High		
<u>2001</u>				
First Quarter	\$	4.00	\$	3.38
Second Quarter		3.97		3.30
Third Quarter		4.25		3.05
Fourth Quarter		5.06		3.04
2002				
First Quarter	\$	4.00	\$	3.15
Second Quarter		4.00		2.74
Third Quarter		3.50		2.01
Fourth Quarter		4.00		2.67

Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with the Company's financial statements and the accompanying notes listed in Item 15 of this report. The Company's financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000, 1999 and 1998 have been restated because the Company has determined that it is not the primary obligor for the services provided by employees pursuant to its PEO arrangements. Accordingly, the requirements of EITF 99-19, "Reporting Revenues Gross as a Principal Versus Net as an Agent", require that it not reflect the direct payroll costs paid to such employees and its PEO customers in both revenues and cost of revenues. Professional employer service fees and direct payroll costs were both reduced by \$77,272, \$111,838, \$128,426 and \$113,710 (in thousands) for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively. Quarterly amounts appearing in Note 17 have been restated for the first, second, and third quarters of 2002 and all quarters for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000.

			Year Ended December 31,							
		2002		2001	2000		1999	1998		
(In thousands, except per share data)		As Restated, see Note 1 of								
					Not	es to Finan	cial	Statement	s	
Statement of operations:				-						
Revenues:										
Staffing services	\$	96,750	\$	123,110	\$	188,500	\$	194,991	\$	165,443
Professional employer service fees		12,558		16,281		22,128	_	24,433		23,876
Total		109,308		139,391		210,628		219,424		189,319
Cost of revenues:										
Direct payroll costs		71,515		90,750		139,177		141,623		121,555
Payroll taxes and benefits		14,062		17,635		27,007		28,603		25,550
Workers' compensation		8,766		12,971	_	12,639	_	11,702	_	10,190
Total		94,343		121,356		178,823		181,928		157,295
Gross margin		14,965		18,035		31,805		37,496		32,024
Selling, general and administrative expenses		16,008		18,737		24,583		25,957		23,012
Merger expenses		-		-				- 0.404		750
Depreciation and amortization		1,162		3,277		3,192	_	2,461		1,785
(Loss) income from operations		(2,205)		(3,979)		4,030		9,078		6,477
Other (expense) income:		(a.m.a.)		(0=0)		(000)		(00.1)		(
Interest expense		(278)		(359)		(830)		(634)		(173)
Interest income		217		297		341		357		441
Other, net	_	21	_	45		6		32		(1)
Total		(40)		(17)	_	(483)	_	(245)		267
(Loss) income before income taxes		(2,245)		(3,996)		3,547		8,833		6,744
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	_	(892)		(1,574)	_	1,446	_	3,684	_	2,923
Net (loss) income	\$	(1,353)	\$	(2,422)	\$	2,101	\$	5,149	\$	3,821
Basic (loss) earnings per share	\$	(.23)	\$	(.39)	\$.29	\$.68	\$.50
Weighted average number of basic shares		5,804		6 100		7,237		7.501		7,664
outstanding	polici renam			6,193	-			7,581		-
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	\$	(.23)	\$	(.39)	\$.29	\$.68	\$.50
Weighted average number of diluted shares										
outstanding		5,804	-	6,193	_	7,277	DJ AS	7,627		7,711
Selected balance sheet data:										
Working capital	\$	2,235	\$	2,658	\$	3,731	\$	7,688	\$	13,272
Total assets	•	47,297	,	52,566	•	60,865		70,504		52,770
Long-term debt, net of current portion		488		922		2,283		5,007		1,503
Stockholders' equity		28,785		30,534		34,917		37,329		33,702

Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

The Company's revenues consist of staffing services and professional employer organization ("PEO") service fees. Staffing services revenues are derived from services performed for short-term staffing, contract staffing and on-site management. PEO service fees refer exclusively to co-employer contractual agreements with PEO clients. The Company's revenues from staffing services represent all amounts invoiced to customers for direct payroll, employer payroll related taxes, workers' compensation coverage and a service fee (equivalent to a mark-up percentage). PEO service fee revenues are recognized in accordance with EITF 99-19, "Reporting Revenues Gross as a Principal Versus Net as an Agent." As such, the Company's PEO service fee revenues include amounts invoiced to PEO customers for employer payroll related taxes, workers' compensation coverage and a gross profit. Thus, amounts invoiced to PEO customers for salaries, wages, health insurance and employee out-of-pocket expenses incurred incidental to employment are excluded from PEO service fee revenues and cost of revenues. The Company's Oregon and California offices accounted for approximately 74% of its total revenues in 2002. Consequently, weakness in economic conditions in these regions could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial results. Safety incentives represent cash incentives paid to certain PEO client companies for maintaining safe-work practices in order to minimize workplace injuries. The incentive is based on a percentage of annual payroll and is paid annually to customers who meet predetermined workers' compensation claims cost objectives.

The Company's cost of revenues is comprised of direct payroll costs for staffing services, employer payroll related taxes and employee benefits and workers' compensation. Direct payroll costs represent the gross payroll earned by staffing services employees based on salary or hourly wages. Payroll taxes and employee benefits consist of the employer's portion of Social Security and Medicare taxes, federal unemployment taxes, state unemployment taxes and staffing services employee reimbursements for materials, supplies and other expenses, which are paid by the customer. Workers' compensation expense consists primarily of the costs associated with the Company's self-insured workers' compensation program, such as claims reserves, claims administration fees, legal fees, state and federal administrative agency fees and reinsurance costs for catastrophic injuries. The Company also maintains separate workers' compensation insurance policies for employees working in states where the Company is not self-insured.

The largest portion of workers' compensation expense is the cost of workplace injury claims. When an injury occurs and is reported to the Company, the Company's respective independent third-party claims administrator ("TPA") analyzes the details of the injury and develops a case reserve, which is the TPA's estimate of the cost of the claim based on similar injuries and its professional judgment. The Company then records, or accrues, an expense and a corresponding liability based upon the TPA's estimates for claims reserves. As cash payments are made by the Company's TPA against specific case reserves, the accrued liability is reduced by the corresponding payment amount. The TPA also reviews existing injury claims on an on-going basis and adjusts the case reserves as new or additional information for each claim becomes available. The Company has established additional reserves to provide for future unanticipated increases in expenses ("adverse loss development") of the claims reserves for open injury claims and for claims incurred but not reported related to prior and current periods. Management believes that the Company's operational policies and internal claims reporting system minimizes the occurrence of unreported incurred claims.

Selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") expenses represent both branch office and corporate-level operating expenses. Branch operating expenses consist primarily of branch office staff

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payroll and personnel related costs, advertising, rent, office supplies, depreciation and branch incentive compensation. Corporate-level operating expenses consist primarily of executive and office staff payroll and personnel related costs, professional and legal fees, travel, depreciation, occupancy costs, information systems costs and executive and corporate staff incentive bonuses.

Amortization of intangible assets consists of the amortization of software costs, and coverants not to compete, which are amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, which range from two to 10 years.

Critical Accounting Policies

The Company has identified the following policies as critical to the Company's business and the understanding of its results of operations. For a detailed discussion of the application of these and other accounting policies, see Note 1 in the Notes to the Financial Statements in Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Note that the preparation of this Annual Report on Form 10-K requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Self-insured workers' compensation reserves. The Company is self-insured for workers' compensation coverage in a majority of its employee work sites. Accruals for workers' compensation expense are made based upon the Company's claims experience and an annual independent actuarial analysis, utilizing Company experience, as well as claim cost development trends and current workers' compensation industry loss information. As such, a majority of the Company's recorded expense for workers' compensation is management's best estimate. Management believes that the amount accrued is adequate to cover all known and unreported claims at December 31, 2002. However, if the actual costs of such claims and related expenses exceeds the amount estimated, additional reserves may be required, which would have a material negative effect on operating results.

Allowance for doubtful accounts. The Company must make estimates of the collectibility of accounts receivables. Management analyzes historical bad debts, customer concentrations, customer credit-worthiness, current economic trends and changes in the customers' payment tendencies when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. If the financial condition of the Company's customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required.

Intangible assets and goodwill. The Company assesses the recoverability of intangible assets and goodwill annually and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value might be impaired. Factors that are considered include significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results, significant negative industry trends and significant change in the manner of use of the acquired assets. Management's current assessment of the carrying value of intangible assets and goodwill indicates there is no impairment based upon projected future cash flows and is predicated, in part, on the Company's operating results returning to historical levels within the next few years. If these estimates or their related assumptions change in the future, the Company may be required to record impairment charges for these assets not previously recorded.

New Accounting Pronouncements

For a discussion of new accounting pronouncements and their potential effect on the Company's results of operations and financial condition, refer to Note 1 in the Notes to the Financial Statements in Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Forward-Looking Information

Statements in this Item or in Item 1 of this report which are not historical in nature, including discussion of economic conditions in the Company's market areas, the potential for and effect of past and future acquisitions, the effect of changes in the Company's mix of services on gross margin, the adequacy of the Company's workers' compensation reserves and allowance for doubtful accounts, the effectiveness of the Company's management information systems, and the availability of financing and working capital to meet the Company's funding requirements, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company or industry results to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors with respect to the Company include difficulties associated with integrating acquired businesses and clients into the Company's operations, economic trends in the Company's service areas, future workers' compensation claims experience, the carrying values of deferred income tax assets and goodwill, which are subject to the improvement in the Company's future operating results, the availability of capital or letters of credit necessary to meet state-mandated surety deposit requirements for maintaining the Company's status as a qualified self-insured employer for workers' compensation coverage, and the availability of and costs associated with potential sources of financing. The Company disclaims any obligation to update any such factors or to publicly announce the result of any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect future events or developments.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth the percentages of total revenues represented by selected items in the Company's Statements of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, listed in Item 15 of this report. The Company has restated its financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 because the Company has determined that it is not the primary obligor for the services provided by employees pursuant to its PEO arrangements. Accordingly, the requirements of EITF 99-19, "Reporting Revenues Gross as a Principal Versus Net as an Agent", require that it not reflect the direct payroll costs paid to such employees and its PEO customers in both revenues and cost of revenues. References to the Notes to Financial Statements appearing below are to the notes to the Company's financial statements listed in Item 15 of this Report.

	Percentage of Total Revenues								
	Years	Ended December 31,							
	2002	2001	2000						
		As Restated, see	Note 1 of						
		Notes to Financial	Statements						
Revenues:									
Staffing services	88.5 %	88.3 %	89.5 %						
Professional employer service fees	11.5	11.7	10.5						
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0						
Cost of revenues:									
Direct payroll costs	65.4	65.1	66.1						
Payroll taxes and benefits	12.9	12.7	12.8						
Workers' compensation	8.0	9.3	6.0						
Total	86.3	87.1	84.9						
Gross margin	13.7	12.9	15.1						
Selling, general and administrative expenses	14.6	13.4	11.7						
Depreciation and amortization	1.1	2.4	1.5						
(Loss) income from operations	(2.0)	(2.9)	1.9						
Other (expense) income		<u> </u>	(0.2)						
Pretax (loss) income	(2.0)	(2.9)	1.7						
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(0.8)	(1.2)	0.7						
Net (loss) income	(1.2) %	(1.7) %	1.0 %						

Years Ended December 31, 2002 and 2001

Net loss for the year ended December 31, 2002 was \$1,353,000, an improvement of \$1,069,000 over the net loss of \$2,422,000 for 2001. The improvement in the net loss was attributable to a 14.6% reduction in SG&A expenses and a 64.5% reduction in depreciation and amortization expenses, partially offset by a 17.0% decline in gross margin dollars, primarily resulting from a 21.6% decrease in revenues. Basic and diluted loss per share for 2002 were \$.23 as compared to basic and diluted loss per share of \$.39 for 2001.

Revenues for 2002 totaled \$109,308,000, a decrease of approximately \$30,083,000 or 21.6% from 2001 revenues of \$139,391,000. The decrease in total revenues was due, in part, to the continued softening of business conditions in the Company's market areas, particularly in the Company's Northern California operations, which accounted for approximately 46.0% of the decline in total revenues for 2002, as well as to management's decision to terminate the Company's relationship with certain customers who provided insufficient gross margin in relation to such risk factors as workplace safety and credit. The Company has recently hired several new branch office managers throughout its operating regions, which management believes will have a positive effect on the Company's business prospects in the future.

Staffing services revenue decreased \$26,360,000 or 21.4%, while professional employer service fee revenue decreased \$3,723,000 or 22.9%, which resulted in an increase in the share of staffing services to 88.5% of total revenues for 2002, as compared to 88.3% for 2001. The decrease in staffing services revenue for 2002 was primarily attributable to a continued decrease in demand for the Company's services in the majority of areas in which the Company does business owing to general weak economic conditions. The share of professional employer service fee revenues had a corresponding decrease from 11.7% of total revenues for 2001 to 11.5% for 2002. The decrease in professional employer service fee revenue for 2002 was primarily due to management's decision to

discontinue its services to certain PEO customers which provided insufficient gross margin or represented unacceptable levels of risk associated with credit or workplace safety.

Gross margin for 2002 totaled \$14,965,000, which represented a decrease of \$3,070,000 or 17.0% from 2001. The gross margin percent increased from 12.9% of revenues for 2001 to 13.7% for 2002. The increase in the gross margin percentage was due to lower workers' compensation costs offset in part by higher direct payroll costs and payroll taxes and benefits, as a percentage of revenues. The decrease in workers' compensation costs, as a percentage or revenues, from 9.3% of revenues for 2001 to 8.0% for 2002, was principally due to a lessening of the increase in the adverse development of estimated future costs of workers' compensation claims primarily concentrated in the Company's California operations. The increase in direct payroll costs as a percentage of revenues from 65.1% for 2001 to 65.4% for 2002 primarily reflects the current mix of services to the current customer base. The increase in payroll taxes and benefits as a percentage of revenues from 12.7% for 2001 to 12.9% for 2002 was primarily attributable to slightly higher state unemployment tax rates in various states in which the Company operates. The Company expects gross margin, as a percentage of revenues, to continue to be influenced by fluctuations in the mix between staffing and PEO services, including the mix within the staffing segment, as well as the adequacy of its estimates for workers' compensation liabilities, which may be negatively affected by unanticipated adverse loss development of claims reserves.

In connection with the Company's self-insured workers' compensation program, the Company has maintained an excess workers' compensation policy which limits the financial effect of costly workers' compensation claims. For the calendar years 2000 and 2001, such policies included a self-insured retention or deductible of \$350,000 and \$400,000 per occurrence, respectively. Effective January 1, 2002, the self-insured retention or deductible on the Company's excess workers' compensation policy increased to \$750,000 per occurrence. Management believes that the Company obtained the most favorable terms and conditions available in the market, in view of the effect of the events of September 11, 2001, on the insurance industry and the Company's size and scope of operations. Management believes that the increased self-insured retention has not had a material adverse effect on the Company.

SG&A expenses consist of compensation and other expenses incident to the operation of the Company's headquarters and the branch offices and the marketing of its services. SG&A expenses for 2002 amounted to \$16,008,000, a decrease of \$2,729,000 or 14.6% from 2001. SG&A expenses, expressed as a percentage of revenues, increased from 13.4% for 2001 to 14.6% for 2002. The decrease in total SG&A dollars was primarily due to reductions in branch management personnel and related expenses as a result of the continued downturn in the Company's business.

Depreciation and amortization totaled \$1,162,000 for 2002, which compares to \$3,277,000 for 2001. The decreased expense was primarily due the Company's adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" effective January 1, 2002, whereby the Company ceased the amortization of its recorded goodwill. 2001 included \$1,783,000 of goodwill amortization. (See Note 1 in the Notes to the Financial Statements in Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.)

At December 31, 2002, the Company had net deferred income tax assets of \$3,556,000, primarily reflecting temporary differences between taxable income for "book" and tax purposes and tax credit carryforwards, which will reduce taxable income in future years. Pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles, the Company is required to assess the realization of the deferred income tax assets as significant changes in circumstances may require adjustments during future periods. Although realization is not assured in view of losses incurred by the Company during the past two years,

management has concluded that it is more likely than not that the remaining net deferred income tax assets will be realized, principally based upon forecasted taxable income for the next two years and the gain expected to be recognized from the pending sale-leaseback transaction involving two office buildings owned by the Company. The amount of the net deferred income tax assets actually realized could vary, if there are differences in the timing or amount of future reversals of existing deferred income tax assets or changes in the actual amounts of future taxable income as compared to operating forecasts. If the Company's operating forecast is determined to no longer be reliable due to uncertain market conditions or improvement in the Company's results of operations does not occur, the Company's long-term forecast will require reassessment. As a result, in the future, a valuation allowance may be required to be established for all or a portion of the net deferred income tax assets. Such a valuation allowance could have a significant effect on the Company's future results of operations and financial position.

The Company offers various qualified employee benefit plans to its employees, including its PEO employees. These qualified employee benefit plans include a savings plan (the "401(k) plan") under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), a cafeteria plan under Code Section 125, a group health plan, a group life insurance plan and group disability insurance plan. Generally, qualified employee benefit plans are subject to provisions of both the Code and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). In order to qualify for favorable tax treatment under the Code, qualified plans must be established and maintained by an employer for the exclusive benefit of its employees.

After several years of study, on April 24, 2002, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") issued Revenue Procedure 2002-21 ("Rev Proc") to provide relief with respect to certain defined contribution retirement plans maintained by a PEO that benefit worksite employees. The Rev Proc outlines the steps necessary for a PEO to avoid plan disqualification for violating the exclusive benefit rule. Essentially, a PEO must either (1) terminate the plan; (2) convert its plan to a "multiple employer plan" by December 31, 2003; or (3) transfer the plan assets and liabilities to a customer plan. Effective December 1, 2002, the Company converted its 401(k) plan to a "multiple employer plan".

Years Ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

Net loss for the year ended December 31, 2001 was \$2,422,000, a decline of \$4,523,000 from net income of \$2,101,000 for 2000. The decrease was attributable to lower gross margin dollars primarily resulting from a 33.8% decrease in revenues coupled with a 330 basis point increase in workers' compensation expense, as a percent of revenues, partially offset by a \$5,846,000 or 23.8% reduction in SG&A expenses and a \$466,000 reduction in other expense. Basic and diluted loss per share for 2001 were \$.39 as compared to basic and diluted earnings per share of \$.29 for 2000.

Revenues for 2001 totaled \$139,391,000, a decrease of approximately \$71,237,000 or 33.8% from 2000 revenues of \$210,628,000. The decrease in total revenues was due, in part, to the continued softening of business conditions in the Company's market areas, particularly in the Company's Northern California operations, and to competition, as well as to management's decision to terminate the Company's relationship with certain customers who provided insufficient gross margin in relation to such risk factors as workplace safety and credit.

Staffing services revenue decreased \$65,390,000 or 34.7%, while professional employer service fee revenue decreased \$5,847,000 or 26.4%, which resulted in a decrease in the share of staffing services to 88.3% of total revenues for 2001, as compared to 89.5% for 2000. The decrease in staffing services revenue for 2001 was primarily attributable to a decrease in demand for the Company's services in the majority of areas in which the Company operates owing to general economic conditions. The share of professional employer service fee revenue to total revenues had a

corresponding increase from 10.5% of total revenues for 2000 to 11.7% for 2001. The decrease in professional employer service fee revenue for 2001 was primarily due to a decline in the Company's Northern California region, as a result of management's decision to discontinue its services to a few high volume, low margin PEO customers.

Gross margin for 2001 totaled \$18,035,000, which represented a decrease of \$13,770,000 or 43.3% from 2000. The gross margin percent decreased from 15.1% of revenues for 2000 to 12.9% for 2001. The decrease in the gross margin percentage was due to higher workers' compensation costs offset in part by lower direct payroll costs and payroll taxes and benefits, as a percentage of revenues. The increase in workers' compensation expense, as a percentage of revenues, from 6.0% of revenues for 2000 to 9.3% for 2001, was primarily due to an increase in the adverse development of estimated future costs of workers' compensation claims primarily related to 1999 and 2000 injuries concentrated in the Company's California operations. The decrease in direct payroll costs, in total dollars and as a percentage of revenues, was attributable to decreases in contract staffing and on-site management, of which direct payroll costs generally represent a higher percentage of revenues, and to a lesser extent to increases in the rates the Company invoices customers for its services. The decrease in payroll taxes and benefits for 2001, as a percentage of revenues, was primarily attributable to lower state unemployment tax rates in various states in which the Company operates, as compared to 2000.

SG&A expenses for 2001 amounted to \$18,737,000, a decrease of \$5,846,000 or 23.8% from 2000. SG&A expenses, expressed as a percentage of revenues, increased from 11.7% for 2000 to 13.4% for 2001. The decrease in total SG&A dollars was primarily due to decreases in branch management personnel and related expenses as a result of the downturn in the Company's business.

Depreciation and amortization totaled \$3,277,000 or 2.4% of revenues for 2001, which compares to \$3,192,000 or 1.5% of revenues for 2000. The increased depreciation and amortization expense was primarily due to a full year of amortization in 2001 compared to ten months of amortization in 2000 arising from the March 1, 2000 implementation of the Company's management information system.

Other expense totaled \$17,000 for 2001, which compares to \$483,000 for 2000. The decrease in expense was primarily due to lower net interest expense as a result of lower debt levels and a decline in interest rates in 2001 compared to 2000.

Fluctuations in Quarterly Operating Results

The Company has historically experienced significant fluctuations in its quarterly operating results and expects such fluctuations to continue in the future. The Company's operating results may fluctuate due to a number of factors such as seasonality, wage limits on payroll taxes, claims experience for workers' compensation, demand and competition for the Company's services and the effect of acquisitions. The Company's revenue levels fluctuate from quarter to quarter primarily due to the impact of seasonality on its staffing services business and on certain of its PEO clients in the agriculture and forest products-related industries. As a result, the Company may have greater revenues and net income in the third and fourth quarters of its fiscal year. Payroll taxes and benefits fluctuate with the level of direct payroll costs, but tend to represent a smaller percentage of revenues and direct payroll later in the Company's fiscal year as federal and state statutory wage limits for unemployment and social security taxes are exceeded by some employees. Workers' compensation expense varies with both the frequency and severity of workplace injury claims reported during a quarter and the estimated future costs of such claims. In addition, adverse loss development of prior period claims during a subsequent quarter may also contribute to the volatility in the Company's estimated workers' compensation expense.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's cash position at December 31, 2002 of \$96,000 decreased \$1,046,000 from December 31, 2001, which compares to an increase of \$626,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001. The decrease in cash at December 31, 2002 was primarily due to cash used in operating activities of \$906,000 and financing activities of \$1,128,000. The primary use of cash in operating activities was a net reduction in workers' compensa-tion liabilities of \$2,475,000. The primary uses of cash for financing activities were payments on long-term debt and common stock repurchases.

Net cash used in operating activities for 2002 amounted to \$906,000, as compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$5,577,000 for 2001. For 2002, net cash used in operating activities was primarily attributable to a \$1,353,000 net loss, a \$2,475,000 decrease in workers' compensation claims liabilities and a \$1,923,000 increase in income taxes receivable, partially offset by a \$2,403,000 decrease in accounts receivable, a \$1,553,000 decrease in deferred income tax assets and depreciation and amortization of \$1,162,000. For 2001, cash provided by operating activities included \$3,277,000 of depreciation and amortization, coupled with a decrease in accounts receivable of \$6,900,000 and an increase in workers' compensation claims liabilities of \$3,343,000, offset in part by decreases of \$2,353,000 in accrued payroll and benefits and \$1,233,000 in other accrued liabilities and an increase of \$1,568,000 in deferred income taxes.

Net cash provided by investing activities totaled \$988,000 for 2002, as compared to net cash provided by investing activities of \$181,000 for 2001. For 2002, the principal source of cash provided by investing activities was from proceeds of \$4,279,000 from maturities and sales of marketable securities, offset, in part, by \$3,116,000 of purchases of marketable securities. For 2001, the principal source of cash provided by investing activities was from proceeds of \$2,436,000 from maturities of marketable securities and \$266,000 of proceeds associated with the sale of a company-owned office condominium, offset in part by \$2,221,000 of purchases of marketable securities and purchases of \$269,000 for equipment. The Company presently has no material long-term commitments for capital expenditures.

Net cash used in financing activities for 2002 amounted to \$1,128,000, which compares to \$5,132,000 in 2001. For 2002, the principal use of cash for financing activities was for scheduled payments on long-term debt of \$708,000 and common stock repurchases totaling \$386,000. For 2001, the principal use of cash in financing activities was for scheduled payments on long-term debt of \$3,592,000 and common stock repurchases totaling \$2,307,000, offset in part by net proceeds from the Company's revolving credit-line totaling \$796,000.

Effective September 2, 2002, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Agreement") with its principal bank. The Agreement, which expires on April 30, 2003, provides for a revolving credit facility of up to \$11.0 million, which includes a subfeature under the line of credit for standby letters of credit for not more than \$5.5 million, as to which approximately \$5.47 million were outstanding as of December 31, 2002, and a term loan in the original amount of \$693,750 bearing interest at an annual rate 7.4%, as to which the outstanding principal balance was approximately \$347,000 as of December 31, 2002. The Company had an outstanding balance of \$3.5 million on the revolving credit facility as of December 31, 2002. The term loan will be paid in full upon the closing of the Company's pending sale-leaseback transaction on its two office buildings.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the Company's total outstanding borrowings, to a maximum of \$11.0 million, may not at any time exceed an aggregate of (i) 85% of the Company's eligible billed accounts receivable, plus (ii) 65% of the Company's eligible unbilled accounts receivable (not to exceed \$2.5 million), plus (iii) 75% of the appraised value of the Company's real property mortgaged to

the bank, minus amounts outstanding under the term loan. Advances bear interest at an annual rate of prime rate plus one percent. The revolving credit facility is secured by the Company's assets. including, without limitation, its accounts receivable, equipment, intellectual property, real property and bank deposits, and may be prepaid at anytime without penalty. The Agreement requires compliance with the following financial covenants: (1) a Current Ratio not less than 1.10 to 1.0 prior to December 31, 2002, and not less than 1.15 to 1.0 as of December 31, 2002 and thereafter, with "Current Ratio" defined as total current assets divided by total current liabilities: (2) EBITDA not less than negative \$2,750,000 as of the guarter ended September 30, 2002, not less than \$850,000 as of the guarter ended December 31, 2002, and not less than \$1,500,000 as of the quarter ended March 31, 2003, measured on a trailing four-quarter basis, with "EBITDA" defined as net profit before taxes, interest expense (net of capitalized interest expense), depreciation expense and amortization expense; (3) Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio not more than 7.0 to 1.0 as of December 31, 2002 and not more than 3.25 to 1.0 as of March 31, 2003, with "Funded Debt" defined as all borrowed funds plus the amount of all capitalized lease obligations of the Company and "Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio" defined as Funded Debt divided by EBITDA; and (4) EBITDA Coverage Ratio not less than 0.75 to 1.0 as of December 31, 2002 and not less than 1.50 to 1.0 as of March 31, 2003, with "EBITDA Coverage Ratio" defined as EBITDA divided by the aggregate of total interest expense plus the prior period current maturity of long-term debt and the prior period current maturity of subordinated debt. (See Note 7 of the Notes to Financial Statements.)

As a result of violation of certain of the above financial covenants as of December 31, 2002, the Company obtained the bank's agreement to waive those covenant violations as of December 31, 2002. In view of management's expectation that additional covenant violations would likely occur as of March 31, 2003, the Company renegotiated certain terms of its loan agreement with its principal bank effective March 21, 2003. Such amendments to the terms and conditions included an increase in the interest rate on the revolving credit facility to prime plus two percent, the easing of the restrictiveness of the Current Ratio and trailing four-quarter EBITDA covenants and the suspension of the covenants regarding the Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio and EBITDA Coverage Ratio. Management executed on April 11, 2003 a second amendment to the Agreement (the "New Credit Agreement") which, among other things, extends the term from April 30, 2003 to March 31, 2004.

Under the terms of the New Credit Agreement, the Company's total outstanding borrowings, to a maximum of \$8.0 million, including a subfeature under the line of credit for standby letters of credit totaling not more than \$5.0 million, may not at any time exceed an aggregate of (i) 85% of the Company's eligible billed accounts receivable, plus (ii) 65% of the Company's eligible unbilled accounts receivable (not to exceed \$1.5 million), plus (iii) only to June 30, 2003, 75% of the appraised value of the Company's real property collateral granted to the bank, minus the amount outstanding under the term loan. Advances bear interest at an annual rate of prime rate plus two percent. The New Credit Agreement expires March 31, 2004. The revolving credit facility is secured by the Company's assets, including, without limitation, its accounts receivable, equipment, intellectual property, real property and bank deposits, and may be prepaid at anytime without penalty. Pursuant to the New Credit Agreement, the Company is required to maintain compliance with the following financial covenants: (1) a Current Ratio not less than 1.10 to 1.0 through June 29, 2003, and not less than 1.15 to 1.0 from and after June 30, 2003, with "Current Ratio" defined as total current assets divided by total current liabilities; (2) EBITDA not less than negative \$700,000 as of the quarter ended March 31, 2003, not less than negative \$350,000 as of the quarter ending June 30, 2003, not less than \$250,000 as of the quarter ending September 30, 2003, and not less than \$1,500,000 as of the quarter ending December 31, 2003 and thereafter, measured on a trailing four-guarter basis, with "EBITDA" defined as net profit before taxes, interest expense (net of capitalized interest expense), depreciation expense and amortization expense; (3) Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio not more than 4.0 to 1.0 as of September 30, 2003 and not more than 2.25 to 1.0 as of December 31, 2003 and thereafter, with "Funded Debt" defined as all borrowed funds plus the amount of all capitalized lease obligations of the Company and

"Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio" defined as Funded Debt divided by EBITDA; and (4) EBITDA Coverage Ratio not less than 1.0 to 1.0 as of September 30, 2003 and not less than 1.75 to 1.0 as of December 31, 2003, with "EBITDA Coverage Ratio" defined as EBITDA divided by the aggregate of total interest expense plus the prior period current maturity of long-term debt and the prior period current maturity of subordinated debt. (See Note 7 of the Notes to Financial Statements.) Management expects that the funds anticipated to be generated from operations, together with the New Credit Agreement and other potential sources of financing, will be sufficient in the aggregate to fund the Company's working capital needs for the foreseeable future.

The outstanding balance on the revolving credit facility is expected to be paid in full in the second quarter of 2003. The Company received, on March 24, 2003, a \$2.2 million federal income tax refund generated by a net operating loss carryback from the tax year ended December 31, 2002. The Company used this tax refund to reduce the outstanding balance to \$1.2 million at March 27, 2003. The remainder of the outstanding balance on the credit facility is expected to be paid from the proceeds of a pending sale-leaseback transaction involving the two office buildings owned by the Company. The sale-leaseback transaction, which is expected to close during the second quarter of 2003, is projected to provide net cash proceeds of approximately \$2.0 million.

In connection with the Company's ability to continue its self-insured workers' compensation program in the state of California, it is anticipated that the Company will be required to increase its existing surety deposit with the state, which is in the form of a letter of credit, by approximately \$819,000 effective August 1, 2003. California, however, has recently adopted a new "Alternative Security Program" ("ASP") to allow qualified self-insurers to meet their surety deposit requirements through the establishment of a single composite security deposit on a pooled basis. Management is uncertain as to the financial benefits, if any, to the Company of the new ASP. The Company has, however, recently been successful in reducing certain other workers' compensation deposits and related letters of credit by approximately \$740,000. The continued ability of the Company to meet surety deposit requirements is among the risk factors discussed above under "Forward Looking Information". Management believes that its principal bank will accommodate the Company's request to provide the potential increase to the existing letter of credit for California on a timely basis, in light of the fact that the outstanding balance on the revolving credit facility is expected to be paid in full in the second quarter of 2003, coupled with the other surety deposit reductions achieved by the Company.

During 1999, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program to repurchase common shares from time to time in open market purchases. Since inception, the Board of Directors has approved six increases in the total number of shares or dollars authorized to be repurchased under the program. The stock repurchase program had \$390,000 of remaining authorization for the repurchase of additional shares at December 31, 2002. During 2002, the Company repurchased 100,900 shares at an aggregate price of \$386,000. Management anticipates that the capital necessary to execute this program will be provided by existing cash balances and other available resources.

Contractual Obligations

The Company's contractual obligations as of December 31, 2002, including long-term debt, commitments for future payments under non-cancelable lease arrangements and long-term workers' compensation claims liabilities for catastrophic injuries, are summarized below:

	Payments Due by Period										
			ss than	1 - 3 years		4 - 5 years			After		
			1 year					_5	years		
Long-term debt	\$	922	\$	434	\$	288	\$	200	\$	-	
Operating leases		2,747		1,209		1,401		137		-	
Long-term workers' compensation claims											
liabilities for catastrophic injuries		646		21		46		54	_	525	
Total contractual cash obligations	\$_	4,315	\$	1,664	\$	1,735	\$	391	\$	525	

Inflation

Inflation generally has not been a significant factor in the Company's operations during the periods discussed above. The Company has taken into account the impact of escalating medical and other costs in establishing reserves for future expenses for self-insured workers' compensation claims.

Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company's exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates primarily relates to the Company's short-term and long-term debt obligations. As of December 31, 2002, the Company had interest-bearing debt obligations of approximately \$4.4 million, of which approximately \$3.5 million bears interest at a variable rate and approximately \$0.9 million at a fixed rate of interest. The variable rate debt is comprised of approximately \$3.5 million outstanding under a revolving credit facility, which bears interest at the prime rate plus one percent through March 20, 2003 and then prime rate plus two percent through March 31, 2004. Based on the Company's overall interest rate exposure at December 31, 2002, a 10 percent change in market interest rates would not have a material effect on the fair value of the Company's long-term debt or its results of operations. As of December 31, 2002, the Company had not entered into any interest rate instruments to reduce its exposure to interest rate risk.

Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The financial statements and notes thereto required by this item begin on page F-1 of this report, as listed in Item 15.

Item 9. <u>CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING</u> AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

Item 10. INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The information required by Item 10, Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant, is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders ("Proxy Statement"), under the headings "Election of Directors" and "Stock Ownership by Principal Stockholders and Management—Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" or appears under the heading "Executive Officers of the Registrant" on page 12 of this report. The information required by Item 11, Executive Compensation, is incorporated herein by reference to the Proxy Statement, under the headings "Executive Compensation" and "Election of Directors—Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation." The information required by Item 12, Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters, is incorporated herein by reference to the Proxy Statement, under the heading "Stock Ownership by Principal Stockholders and Management—Beneficial Ownership Table" and "Equity Compensation Plan Information." The information required by Item 13, Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, is incorporated herein by reference to the Proxy Statement, under the headings "Election of Directors—Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation" and "Executive Compensation—Transactions with Management".

Item 14. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. The Company's chief executive officer and its chief financial officer evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(c) and 15d-14(c)), which are designed to ensure that information the Company must disclose in its reports filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported on a timely basis, on March 31, 2003 and have concluded that, as of such date, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were adequate and effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is brought to their attention on a timely basis.
- (b) Changes in internal controls. There were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation, nor were there any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses identified in the Company's internal controls. As a result, no corrective actions were undertaken.

Item 15. <u>EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES, AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K</u>

Financial Statements and Schedules

The Financial Statements, together with the report thereon of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, are included on the pages indicated below:

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No schedules are required to be filed herewith.	

Reports on Form 8-K

The Company filed on November 18, 2002 a Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of November 12, 2002, to report under Item 5 that the Company's board of directors increased the amount of authorization by \$500,000 for the repurchase of shares of the Company's common stock.

The Company filed on March 20, 2003 a Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of March 19, 2003, to report under Items 5, 7 and 9 its decision to restate its professional employer services ("PEO") revenues to reflect the accounting requirements of Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 99-19, "Reporting Revenues Gross as a Principal Versus Net as an Agent," by reducing both revenues and cost of revenues for the salaries and wages of the PEO employees, for which the Company is not the primary obligor of the services performed by such employees. The Company also reported that it had entered into a definitive agreement relating to a sale-leaseback transaction with respect to its two office buildings in Portland, Oregon, and furnished a press release announcing its earnings results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2002, and the agreement in principle by its principal bank lender to renew the Company's revolving credit facility in April 2003.

Exhibits

Exhibits are listed in the Exhibit Index that follows the Financial Statements included in this report.

Report of Independent Accountants

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Barrett Business Services, Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheets and the related statements of operations, of stockholders' equity and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Barrett Business Services, Inc. (the Company) at December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2002, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Company adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, effective January 1, 2002.

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Company has restated its professional employer organization revenues and related direct payroll costs for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Portland, Oregon March 31, 2003, except as to Note 7, which is as of April 11, 2003

Balance Sheets December 31, 2002 and 2001 (In Thousands, Except Par Value)

	2002	2001
ASSETS		
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Income taxes receivable Trade accounts receivable, net Prepaid expenses and other Deferred income taxes	\$ 96 1,923 11,357 1,040 2,111	\$ 1,142 - 13,760 1,022 2,841
Total current assets	16,527	18,765
Goodwill, net Intangibles, net Property and equipment, net Restricted marketable securities and workers' compensation deposits Deferred income taxes Other assets	18,749 59 5,167 4,286 1,445 1,064	18,749 129 6,084 5,425 2,268 1,146 \$ 52,566
	\$ 47,297	\$ 52,500
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:	Φ 404	Φ 700
Line of credit Accounts payable Accrued payroll, payroll taxes and related benefits Workers' compensation claims liabilities Safety incentives payable Other accrued liabilities	\$ 434 3,513 834 4,897 3,903 406 305	\$ 708 3,424 686 5,165 5,355 380 389
Total current liabilities	14,292	16,107
Long-term debt, net of current portion Customer deposits Long-term workers' compensation claims liabilities Other long-term liabilities	488 443 2,492 797 18,512	922 520 3,515 968 22,032
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 9, 10 and 16)		
Stockholders' equity: Common stock, \$.01 par value; 20,500 shares authorized, 5,751 and 5,847 shares issued and outstanding Additional paid-in capital Employee loan Retained earnings	57 3,144 (107) 25,691	58 3,461 (29) 27,044
	28,785	30,534
	\$ 47,297	\$ 52,566

Statements of Operations Years Ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 (In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

		2002		2001	2000			
			A	As Restated	, see	Note 1		
Revenues:			_					
Staffing services	\$	96,750	\$	123,110	\$	188,500		
Professional employer service fees		12,558		16,281		22,128		
		109,308		139,391		210,628		
Cost of revenues:								
Direct payroll costs		71,515		90,750		139,177		
Payroll taxes and benefits		14,062		17,635		27,007		
Workers' compensation		8,766		12,971		12,639		
		94,343_		121,356		178,823		
Gross margin		14,965		18,035		31,805		
Selling, general and administrative expenses		16,008		18,737		24,583		
Depreciation and amortization		1,162		3,277		3,192		
(Loss) income from operations		(2,205)		(3,979)		4,030		
Other (expense) income:								
Interest expense		(278)		(359)		(830)		
Interest income		217		297		341		
Other, net		21		45_		6_		
		(40)		(17)		(483)		
(Loss) income before income taxes		(2,245)		(3,996)		3,547		
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes		(892)		(1,574)		1,446		
Net (loss) income	\$	(1,353)	\$	(2,422)	\$	2,101		
Basic (loss) earnings per share	\$	(.23)	\$	(.39)	\$.29		
Weighted average number of basic shares outstanding		5,804		6,193	-	7,237		
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	\$	(.23)	\$	(.39)	\$.29		
Weighted average number of diluted shares outstanding	ente la proposition de la Constitución de la Consti	5,804		6,193		7,277		

Statements of Stockholders' Equity
Years Ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000
(In Thousands)

	Common Stock			ditional aid-in			R	etained			
	Shares	Amount		Capital			other	E	arnings		Total
Balance, December 31, 1999	7,461	\$	75	\$	9,889	\$	-	\$	27,365	\$	37,329
Common stock issued on exercise of options Repurchase of common stock Net income	7 (1,017) 		- (11) -		28 (4,530) -		- - -		- - 2,101		28 (4,541) 2,101
Balance, December 31, 2000	6,451		64		5,387		-		29,466		34,917
Repurchase of common stock Stock option compensation Reclassification of accrued stock	(604) -		(6) -		(2,301) 17		-		-		(2,307) 17
option compensation to equity Employee loan Net loss	 - -		- - -		358 - -		(29)		(2,422)	_	358 (29) (2,422)
Balance, December 31, 2001	5,847		58		3,461		(29)		27,044		30,534
Common stock issued on exercise of options Repurchase of common stock Payment to shareholder Purchase of option rights	5 (101) - -		- (1) - -		14 (385) (28) (31)		- - -		- - -		14 (386) (28) (31)
Reclassification of accrued stock option compensation to equity Employee loan Net loss	- - -		- - -		113 - -		- (78) -		- - (1,353)		113 (78) (1,353)
Balance, December 31, 2002	5,751	\$	57	\$	3,144	\$	(107)	\$	25,691	\$	28,785

Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 (In Thousands)

	2002	2001	2000
Net (loss) income	\$ (1,353)	\$ (2,422)	\$ 2,101
Reconciliations of net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:	,	,	,
Depreciation and amortization	1,162	3,277	3,192
Gain on sale of property	-,	(46)	-,
- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(24)	-	_
Deferred income taxes	1,553	(1,568)	(1,171)
Changes in certain assets and liabilities, net of amounts purchased in acquisitions:		, ,	, ,
Trade accounts receivable, net	2,403	6,900	9,556
Income taxes receivable	(1,923)	_	-
Prepaid expenses and other	(18)	200	(3)
Accounts payable	148	(327)	(343)
Accrued payroll, payroll taxes and related benefits	(155)	(2,353)	(3,544)
Other accrued liabilities	(84)	(1,233)	1,209
Workers' compensation claims liabilities	(2,475)	3,343	1,333
Safety incentives payable	26	(49)	(295)
	5	(113)	(432)
Other long-term liabilities	(171)	(32)	301
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(906)	5,577	11,904
Cash paid for acquisitions, including other direct costs	_	(31)	(1,122)
Proceeds from sale of property	-	266	
Purchase of equipment, net of amounts purchased in			
acquisitions	(175)	(269)	(1,257)
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	3,472	2,436	1,329
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities	807	-	-
Purchase of marketable securities	(3,116)	(2,221)	(688)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	988	181_	(1,738)
Proceeds from credit-line borrowings	48,629	62,638	84,722
Payments on credit-line borrowings	(48,540)	(61,842)	(86,976)
Payments on long-term debt	(708)	(3,592)	(2,568)
Payment of notes payable	-	-	(865)
Payment to shareholder	(28)	-	-
Purchase of option rights	(31)	-	-
Loan to employee	(78)	(29)	_
Repurchase of common stock	(386)	(2,307)	(4,541)
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	14		28
	(1,128)	(5,132)	(10,200)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,046)	626	(34)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,142	516	550
	\$ 96	\$ 1,142	\$ 516
Supplemental schedule of noncash activities: Acquisition of other businesses:			
Cost of acquisitions in excess of fair market value of net assets acquired	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ 1,122

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Summary of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of operations

Barrett Business Services, Inc. ("Barrett" or the "Company"), a Maryland corporation, is engaged in providing both staffing and professional employer services to a diversified group of customers through a network of branch offices throughout Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona, Maryland, Delaware and North Carolina. Approximately 74%, 79% and 78%, respectively, of the Company's revenues (as restated) during 2002, 2001 and 2000 were attributable to its Oregon and California operations.

Revenue recognition, as restated

The Company recognizes revenue as services are rendered by its workforce. Staffing services are engaged by customers to meet short-term and long-term personnel needs. Professional employer services ("PEO") are normally used by organizations to satisfy ongoing human resource management needs and typically involve contracts with a minimum term of one year, renewable annually, which cover all employees at a particular work site.

The Company has determined it is not the primary obligor for the services provided by employees pursuant to its PEO arrangements. Accordingly, the requirements of EITF 99-19, "Reporting Revenues Gross as a Principal Versus Net as an Agent", require that it not reflect the direct payroll costs paid to such employees and billed to its PEO customers in both revenues and cost of revenues, i.e., reporting such activity on a "gross" basis. As a result, the Company has restated amounts previously reported in its Statements of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 to remove a like amount of professional employer service fees and direct payroll costs resulting in reporting such activity on a "net" basis. The change to a "net" reporting basis had no effect on previously reported amounts for gross margin dollars, operating results, cash flows, working capital and stockholders equity.

A reconciliation of the restated amounts to amounts previously reported is as follows:

	2001		2000	
Revenues:				
Restated professional employer service fees	\$	16,281	\$	22,128
Adjustment to eliminate PEO salaries and wages		77,272		111,838
Professional employer services, as previously reported	\$	93,553	\$	133,966
Cost of revenues:				
Restated direct payroll costs	\$	90,750	\$	139,177
Adjustment to eliminate PEO salaries and wages		77,272		111,838
Direct payroll costs, as previously reported	\$	168,022	\$	251,015

The Company's cost of revenues for staffing services is comprised of direct payroll costs, employer payroll related taxes and employee benefits and workers' compensation. The Company's cost of revenues for PEO services includes employer payroll related taxes and workers' compensation. Direct payroll costs represent the gross payroll earned by staffing services employees based on salary or hourly wages. Payroll taxes and employee benefits consist of the employer's portion of Social Security and Medicare taxes, federal unemploy-ment taxes, state unemployment taxes and staffing services employee reimbursements for materials, supplies and other expenses, which are paid by the customer. Workers' compensation costs consists primarily of the costs

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

1. Summary of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Revenue recognition (Continued)

associated with the Company's self-insured workers' compensation program, such as claims reserves, claims administration fees, legal fees, state and federal administrative agency fees and reinsurance costs for catastrophic injuries. The Company also maintains separate workers' compensation insurance policies for employees working in states where the Company is not self-insured. Safety incentives represent cash incentives paid to certain PEO client companies for maintaining safe-work practices in order to minimize workplace injuries. The incentive is based on a percentage of annual payroll and is paid annually to customers who meet predetermined workers' compensation claims cost objectives.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers non-restricted short-term investments, which are highly liquid, readily convertible into cash, and have original maturities of less than three months, to be cash equivalents for purposes of the statements of cash flows.

Allowance for doubtful accounts

The Company had an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$41,000 and \$410,000 at December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The Company must make estimates of the collectibility of accounts receivables. Management analyzes historical bad debts, customer concentrations, customer credit-worthiness, current economic conditions and changes in customers' payment trends when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts.

Deferred income taxes

The Company calculates income taxes in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes", which requires recognition of deferred income tax assets and liabilities for the expected tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements and income tax returns. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred income tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

Marketable securities

At December 31, 2002 and 2001, marketable securities consisted primarily of governmental debt instruments with maturities generally from 90 days to 26 years (see Note 6). Marketable securities have been categorized as held-to-maturity and, as a result, are stated at amortized cost. Realized gains and losses on sales of marketable securities are included in other (expense) income on the Company's statements of operations. During the year ended December 31, 2002, the Company sold certain restricted marketable securities due to a decrease in the statutory surety requirements established by the State of Oregon Workers' Compensation Division.

Intangibles

In July 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. ("SFAS") 141 "Business Combinations" and SFAS 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." The Company's adoption date for SFAS 141 was July 1, 2001 and the adoption date for SFAS 142 was January 1, 2002. With respect to SFAS 142, the Company performed a goodwill impairment test as of the adoption date and at December 31, 2002 and has determined there was no impairment to its recorded goodwill. The Company will perform a goodwill impairment test annually during the fourth quarter and whenever events or circumstances occur indicating that goodwill might be impaired. Effective January 1, 2002, amortization of all

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1. Summary of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Intangibles (Continued)

goodwill ceased. There were no changes in goodwill from December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2002. The impact of this change is summarized as follows (in thousands):

	 2002	 2001	 2000
Reported net (loss) income	\$ (1,353)	\$ (2,422)	\$ 2,101
Add back: goodwill amortization, net of tax	 	 1,327	1,250
Adjusted net (loss) income	\$ (1,353)	\$ (1,095)	\$ 3,351
Reported net (loss) income per share Adjusted net (loss) income per share	\$ (.23) (.23)	\$ (.39) (.18)	\$.29 .46

The Company's intangible assets are comprised of covenants not to compete arising from prior year acquisitions and have contractual lives principally ranging from three to five years. (See Note 4.)

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to operating expense as incurred, and expenditures for additions and betterments are capitalized. The cost of assets sold or otherwise disposed of and the related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in the statements of operations.

Depreciation of property and equipment is calculated using either straight-line or accelerated methods over estimated useful lives, which range from 3 years to 31.5 years.

Safety incentives payable

Safety incentives represent cash incentives paid to certain PEO client companies for maintaining safe-work practices in order to minimize workplace injuries. The incentive is based on a percentage of annual payroll and is paid annually to customers who meet predetermined workers' compensation claims cost objectives. Safety incentive payments are made only after closure of all workers' compensation claims incurred during the customer's contract period. The liability is estimated and accrued each month based upon the then-current amount of the customer's estimated workers' compensation claims reserves as established by the Company's third party administrator.

Customer deposits

The Company requires deposits from certain professional employer services customers to cover a portion of its accounts receivable due from such customers in the event of default of payment.

Statements of cash flows

Interest paid during 2002, 2001 and 2000 did not materially differ from interest expense.

Income taxes paid by the Company in 2000 totaled \$2,331,000. The Company paid no income taxes in 2001 and 2002.

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1. Summary of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Basic and diluted earnings per share

Basic earnings per share are computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for each year. Diluted earnings per share reflect the potential effects of the exercise of outstanding stock options. Basic and diluted shares outstanding are summarized as follows:

		Year Ended December 31,			
		2002	2001	2000	
Weighted	d average number of basic shares outstanding	5,804,231	6,193,119	7,237,262	
•	tion plan shares to be issued at prices ranging from to \$17.75 per share	-	-	985,797	
	Assumed purchase at average market price during the period using proceeds received upon exercise of options and purchase of stock, and using tax benefits of compensation due to premature dispositions			(946,200)	
Weighted	d average number of diluted shares outstanding	5,804,231	6,193,119	7,276,859	

As a result of the net loss reported for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, 23,978 and 25,779, respectively, of potential common shares have been excluded from the calculation of diluted loss per share because their effect would be anti-dilutive.

Stock option compensation

The Company applies APB Opinion No. 25 and related interpretations in accounting for its stock incentive plan. Accordingly, no compensation expense has been recognized for its stock option grants issued at market price because the exercise price of the Company's employee stock options equals the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant.

If compensation expense for the Company's stock-based compensation plan had been determined based on the fair market value at the grant date for awards under the Plan consistent with the method of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123, the Company's net (loss) income and (loss) earnings per share would have been adjusted to the pro forma amounts indicated below:

1. Summary of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Stock option compensation (Continued)

	2	002	6	2001		2000
(in thousands, except per share amounts) Net (loss) income, as reported	\$ (1,353)	\$ (2,422)	\$	2,101
Add back compensation expense recognized under APB No. 25		-		17		85
Deduct: Total stock-based compensation expense						
determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects		(168)		(237)	_	(769)
Net (loss) income, pro forma	\$ (1,521)	\$ (2,642)	\$	1,417
Basic (loss) earnings per share, as reported	\$	(.23)	\$	(.39)	\$.29
Basic (loss) earnings per share, pro forma		(.26)		(.43)		.20
Diluted (loss) earnings per share, as reported		(.23)		(.39)		.29
Diluted (loss) earnings per share, pro forma		(.26)		(.43)		.19

The effects of applying SFAS No. 123 for providing pro forma disclosures for 2002, 2001 and 2000 are not likely to be representative of the effects on reported net income for future years, because options vest over several years and additional awards generally are made each year.

Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform with the 2002 presentation. Such reclassifications had no impact on gross margin, operating results or shareholder equity. See restatement of PEO revenues and cost of revenues under the heading "Revenue recognition" in Note 1.

Accounting estimates

The preparation of the Company's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from such estimates.

Recent accounting pronouncements

In May 2002, the FASB issued SFAS 145, "Rescission of FAS Nos. 4, 44 and 64, Amendment of FAS 13, and Technical Corrections." Among other things, SFAS 145 rescinds various pronouncements regarding early extinguishment of debt and allows extraordinary accounting treatment for early extinguishment only when the provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 30, "Reporting the Results of Operations - Reporting the Effects of Disposal of a Segment of a Business, and Extraordinary, Unusual and Infrequently Occurring Events and Transactions" are met. SFAS 145 provisions regarding early extinguishment of debt are generally effective for fiscal years beginning after May 15, 2002. Management does not believe that the adoption of these statements will have a material impact on its results of operations or financial position.

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1. Summary of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Recent accounting pronouncements (Continued)

In July 2002, the FASB issued SFAS 146, "Accounting for the Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities." SFAS 146 requires companies to recognize liabilities and costs associated with exit or disposal activities initiated after December 31, 2002 when they are incurred, rather than when management commits to a plan to exit an activity. This Statement will affect only the timing of the recognition of future restructuring costs and is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial position.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS 148, "Accounting for Stock Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure." SFAS 148 provides alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation and requires fair value method pro forma disclosures to be displayed more prominently and in a tabular format. Additionally, SFAS 148 requires similar disclosures in interim financial statements. The transition and disclosure requirements of SFAS 148 were adopted by the Company in the fourth quarter of 2002.

In November 2002, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 45 ("Interpretation") "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others." Interpretation No. 45 addresses the disclosures to be made by a guarantor in its interim and annual financial statements about its obligations under guarantees. The Interpretation also clarifies the requirements related to the recognition of a liability by a guarantor at the inception of a guarantee for the obligations the guarantor has undertaken in issuing that guarantee. The Interpretation does not specify the subsequent measurement of the guarantor's recognized liability for either the noncontingent aspect of the guarantee or the contingent aspect of the guarantee. The accounting for the contingent aspect of the guarantee, if it is not accounted for as a derivative under SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," is covered by SFAS No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies." The provisions in SFAS No. 5 about disclosure of a loss that is reasonably possible are not affected by this Interpretation. Management does not believe that the Company has entered into any such guarantor arrangements and does not believe that the adoption of this Statement will have a material impact on its results of operations or financial position.

2. Business Combinations

Temporary Staffing Systems, Inc.

Effective January 1, 1999, the Company acquired all of the outstanding common stock of Temporary Staffing Systems, Inc. ("TSS"), a staffing services company with eight offices in North Carolina and one in South Carolina. The Company paid \$2,000,000 in cash and agreed to make an additional payment contingent upon a minimum equity requirement for 1998 and certain financial performance criteria for 1999. The Company also paid \$50,000 in cash for a noncompete agreement with the selling shareholder. During 2000, as a result of the aforementioned minimum equity requirement and certain financial performance criteria, the Company paid additional consideration aggregating \$960,000 plus accrued interest, which was recognized as additional goodwill.

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3. Fair Value of Financial Instruments and Concentration of Credit Risk

All of the Company's financial instruments are recognized in its balance sheet. Carrying values approximate fair market value of most financial assets and liabilities. The fair market value of certain financial instruments was estimated as follows:

- Marketable securities Marketable securities primarily consist of U.S. Treasury bills and
 municipal bonds. The interest rates on the Company's marketable security investments
 approximate current market rates for these types of investments; therefore, the recorded value
 of the marketable securities approximates fair market value.
- Long-term debt The interest rates on the Company's long-term debt approximate current
 market rates, based upon similar obligations with like maturities; therefore, the recorded value
 of long-term debt approximates the fair market value.

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentration of credit risk consist primarily of temporary cash investments, marketable securities and trade accounts receivable. The Company restricts investment of temporary cash investments and marketable securities to financial institutions with high credit ratings and to investments in governmental debt instruments. Credit risk on trade receivables is minimized as a result of the large and diverse nature of the Company's customer base. At December 31, 2002, the Company had significant concentrations of credit risk as follows:

- Marketable securities \$2,170,000 of marketable securities at December 31, 2002 consisted of Oregon State Department of Administrative Services Bonds and Oregon State Housing & Community Services Bonds.
- Trade receivables Trade receivables from two customers aggregated \$816,000 at December 31, 2002 (7% of trade receivables outstanding at December 31, 2002).

4. Intangibles

Intangibles consist of the following (in thousands):

		December 31,			
		2002		2001	
Covenants not to compete	\$	3,709	\$	3,709	
Less accumulated amortization		3,650		3,580	
	<u>\$</u>	59_	\$_	129	

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5. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,			
	2002	2001		
Office furniture and fixtures Computer hardware and software Buildings	\$ 4,474 4,581 1,272	\$ 4,563 4,534 1,239		
	10,327	10,336		
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	5,468	4,560		
	4,859	5,776		
Land	308_	308		
	\$ 5,167	\$ 6,084		

6. Workers' Compensation Claims Liabilities

The Company is a self-insured employer with respect to workers' compensation coverage for all its employees (including employees subject to PEO contracts) working in Oregon, Maryland, Delaware and California. In the state of Washington, state law allows only the Company's staffing services and management employees to be covered under the Company's self-insured workers' compensation program. The Company also was self-insured for workers' compensation purposes, as granted by the United States Department of Labor, for longshore and harbor workers' coverage through April 16, 2001.

The Company has provided a total of \$6,395,000 and \$8,870,000 at December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively, as an estimated liability for unsettled workers' compensation claims liabilities. The estimated liability for unsettled workers' compensation claims represents management's best estimate, which includes, in part, an evaluation of information provided by the Company's third-party administrators for workers' compensation claims and its independent actuary, who annually assists management to estimate the total future costs of all claims, including potential future adverse loss development. Included in the claims liabilities are case reserve estimates for reported losses, plus additional amounts based on projections for incurred but not reported claims, anticipated increases in case reserve estimates and additional claims administration expenses. These estimates are continually reviewed and adjustments to liabilities are reflected in current operating results as they become known. The Company believes that the difference between amounts recorded for its estimated liabilities and the possible range of costs to settle related claims is not material to results of operations; nevertheless, it is reasonably possible that adjustments required in future periods may be material to results of operations.

Liabilities incurred for work-related employee fatalities, as determined by the state in which the accident occurred, are recorded either at an agreed lump-sum settlement amount or the net present value of future fixed and determinable payments over the actuarially determined remaining life expectancy of the beneficiary, discounted at a rate that approximates a long-term, high-quality corporate bond rate. During 2002, the Company maintained excess workers' compensation insurance to limit its self-insurance exposure to \$750,000 per occurrence in all states. The excess insurance provided statutory coverage above the aforementioned exposures.

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6. Workers' Compensation Claims Liabilities (Continued)

At December 31, 2002, the Company's long-term workers' compensation claims liabilities in the accompanying balance sheet included \$646,000 for work-related fatalities. The aggregate undiscounted pay-out amount related to the catastrophic injuries and fatalities is \$1,374,000. The discount rates applied to the discounted liabilities range from 7.05% to 9.00%. These rates represented the then-current rates for high quality long-term debt securities available at the date of loss with maturities equal to the length of the pay-out period to the beneficiaries. The actuarially determined pay-out periods to the beneficiaries range from 8 to 39 years. As a result, the five-year cash requirements related to these claims are immaterial.

The states of Oregon, Maryland, Washington, Delaware, California and the United States Department of Labor require the Company to maintain specified investment balances or other financial instruments, totaling \$8,968,000 at December 31, 2002 and \$7,418,000 at December 31, 2001, to cover potential claims losses. In partial satisfaction of these requirements, at December 31, 2002, the Company has provided standby letters of credit in the amount of \$4,786,000 and surety bonds totaling \$907,000. The investments are included in restricted marketable securities and workers' compensation deposits in the accompanying balance sheets. For the period May 1, 1996 through July 1, 2001, the Company maintained a multi-state workers' compensation insurance policy with a retention level of \$350,000 per occurrence. This policy provided workers' compensation coverage for most of the states in which the Company operated for which the Company was not self-insured for workers' compensation purposes. Pursuant to this arrangement, the Company provided standby letters of credit to the insurance company totaling \$685,000. Subsequent to year end, the insurance company agreed to reduce its letters of credit requirement by \$540,000 to a total of \$145,000.

7. Credit Facility

Effective September 2, 2002, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with its principal bank. The Agreement, which expires on April 30, 2003, provides for a revolving credit facility of up to \$11.0 million, which includes a subfeature under the line of credit for standby letters of credit totaling not more than \$5.5 million, as to which approximately \$5.47 million were outstanding as of December 31, 2002, and a term loan in the original amount of \$693,750 bearing interest at an annual rate of 7.4%, as to which the outstanding principal balance was approximately \$347,000 as of December 31, 2002.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the Company's total outstanding borrowings, to a maximum of \$11.0 million, may not at any time exceed an aggregate of (i) 85% of the Company's eligible billed accounts receivable, plus (ii) 65% of the Company's eligible unbilled accounts receivable (not to exceed \$2.5 million), plus (iii) 75% of the appraised value of the Company's real property mortgaged to the bank, minus amounts outstanding under the term loan. Advances bear interest at an annual rate of prime rate plus one percent. The revolving credit facility is collateralized by the Company's assets, including, without limitation, its accounts receivable, equipment, intellectual property, real property and bank deposits, and may be prepaid at anytime without penalty. The Agreement requires compliance with the following financial covenants: (1) a Current Ratio not less than 1.10 to 1.0 prior to December 31, 2002, and not less than 1.15 to 1.0 as of December 31, 2002 and thereafter, with "Current Ratio" defined as total current assets divided by total current liabilities; (2) EBITDA not less than negative \$2,750,000 as of the quarter ended September 30,

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7. Credit Facility (Continued)

2002, not less than \$850,000 as of the quarter ended December 31, 2002, and not less than \$1,500,000 as of the quarter ended March 31, 2003, measured on a trailing four-quarter basis, with "EBITDA" defined as net profit before taxes, interest expense (net of capitalized interest expense), depreciation expense and amortization expense; (3) Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio not more than 7.0 to 1.0 as of December 31, 2002 and not more than 3.25 to 1.0 as of March 31, 2003, with "Funded Debt" defined as all borrowed funds plus the amount of all capitalized lease obligations of the Company and "Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio" defined as Funded Debt divided by EBITDA; and (4) EBITDA Coverage Ratio not less than 0.75 to 1.0 as of December 31, 2002 and not less than 1.50 to 1.0 as of March 31, 2003, with "EBITDA Coverage Ratio" defined as EBITDA divided by the aggregate of total interest expense plus the prior period current maturity of long-term debt and the prior period current maturity of subordinated debt.

As a result of violation of certain of the above financial covenants as of December 31, 2002, the Company obtained the bank's agreement to waive those covenant violations. In addition, the bank agreed to ease the restrictiveness of the Current Ratio and trailing four-quarter EBITDA covenants and suspend the application of the Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio and the EBITDA Coverage Ratio covenants as of March 31, 2003. Management executed on April 11, 2003 a second amendment to the Agreement (the "New Credit Agreement") which, among other things, extends the term from April 30, 2003 to March 31, 2004.

Under the terms of the New Credit Agreement, the Company's total outstanding borrowings, to a maximum of \$8.0 million, including a subfeature under the line of credit for standby letters of credit totaling not more than \$5.0 million, may not at any time exceed an aggregate of (i) 85% of the Company's eligible billed accounts receivable, plus (ii) 65% of the Company's eligible unbilled accounts receivable (not to exceed \$1.5 million), plus (iii) only to June 30, 2003, 75% of the appraised value of the Company's real property collateral granted to the bank, minus the amount outstanding under the term loan. Advances bear interest at an annual rate of prime rate plus two percent. The New Credit Agreement expires March 31, 2004. The revolving credit facility is secured by the Company's assets, including, without limitation, its accounts receivable, equipment, intellectual property, real property and bank deposits, and may be prepaid at anytime without penalty. Pursuant to the New Credit Agreement, the Company is required to maintain compliance with the following financial covenants: (1) a Current Ratio not less than 1.10 to 1.0 through June 29, 2003, and not less than 1.15 to 1.0 from and after June 30, 2003, with "Current Ratio" defined as total current assets divided by total current liabilities; (2) EBITDA not less than negative \$700,000 as of the guarter ended March 31, 2003, not less than negative \$350,000 as of the quarter ending June 30, 2003, not less than \$250,000 as of the quarter ending September 30, 2003, and not less than \$1,500,000 as of the quarter ending December 31, 2003 and thereafter. measured on a trailing four-guarter basis, with "EBITDA" defined as net profit before taxes, interest expense (net of capitalized interest expense), depreciation expense and amortization expense; (3) Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio not more than 4.0 to 1.0 as of September 30, 2003 and not more than 2.25 to 1.0 as of December 31, 2003 and thereafter, with "Funded Debt" defined as all borrowed funds plus the amount of all capitalized lease obligations of the Company and "Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio" defined as Funded Debt divided by EBITDA; and (4) EBITDA Coverage Ratio not less than 1.0 to 1.0 as of September 30, 2003 and not less than 1.75 to 1.0 as of December 31, 2003, with "EBITDA Coverage Ratio" defined as EBITDA divided by the aggregate of total interest expense plus the prior period current maturity of long-term debt and the prior period current maturity of subordinated debt.

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7. Credit Facility (Continued)

During the year ended December 31, 2002, the maximum balance outstanding under the revolving credit facility was \$4,929,000, the average balance outstanding was \$3,274,000, and the weighted average interest rate during the period was 4.51%. The weighted average interest rate during 2002 was calculated using daily weighted averages.

8. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following:	December 31,		31,	
			2001	
		(in tho	usand	ds)
Term loan payable in monthly installments of \$91,667 plus interest at LIBOR plus 1.35%, paid in full in 2002 Note payable in annual installments of \$200,000 for years 2002, 2005 and 2006 and \$87,500 for years 2003 and 2004, plus simple interest at 5,00%	\$	-	\$	458
2006 and \$87,500 for years 2003 and 2004, plus simple interest at 5.00% per annum through 2006 Mortgage note payable in monthly installments of \$6,408, including interest at 7.40% per annum through 2003, with a principal payment		575		775
of \$325,000 due in 2003, secured by land and building (Note 7)		347		397
		922		1,630
Less portion due within one year		434	_	708
	\$	488	\$	922

Maturities on long-term debt are summarized as follows at December 31, 2002 (in thousands):

Year ending December 31,	
2003	\$ 434
2004	88
2005	200
2006	200
	\$ 922

9. Savings Plan

The Company has a Section 401(k) employee savings plan for the benefit of its eligible employees. All employees 21 years of age or older become eligible to participate in the savings plan upon completion of 1,000 hours of service in any consecutive 12-month period following the initial date of employment. Employees covered under a co-employer ("PEO") contract receive credit for prior employment with the PEO client for purposes of meeting savings plan service eligibility. The determination of Company contributions to the plan, if any, is subject to the sole discretion of the Company.

Participants' interests in Company contributions to the plan vest over a seven-year period. Company contributions to the plan, before participants' forfeitures, were \$102,000 for the year ended

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9. Savings Plan (Continued)

December 31, 2000. No discretionary company contributions were made to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001.

After several years of study, on April 24, 2002, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") issued Revenue Procedure 2002-21 ("Rev Proc") to provide relief with respect to certain defined contribution retirement plans maintained by a PEO that benefit worksite employees. The Rev Proc outlines the steps necessary for a PEO to avoid plan disqualification for violating the exclusive benefit rule. Essentially, a PEO must either (1) terminate its plan; (2) convert its plan to a "multiple employer plan" by December 31, 2003; or (3) transfer the plan assets and liabilities to a customer plan. Effective December 1, 2002, the Company converted its 401(k) plan to a "multiple employer plan".

10. Commitments

Lease commitments

The Company leases its offices under operating lease agreements that require minimum annual payments as follows (in thousands):

Year ending December 31,	
2003	\$ 1,209
2004	876
2005	525
2006	96
2007	 41
	\$ 2,747

Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 was approximately \$1,741,000, \$1,811,000 and \$1,871,000, respectively.

11. Related Party Transactions

During the period from January 1, 2002 to May 1, 2002, the Company recorded revenues of \$138,000 and cost of revenues of \$132,000 for providing services to a company owned by Barrett's President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. William W. Sherertz. Effective May 1, 2002, this company was sold to an unrelated third-party. During 2001, the Company recorded revenues of \$26,000 and cost of revenues of \$25,000 to this company and at December 31, 2001, Barrett had trade receivables due from this company of \$19,000.

During 2001, pursuant to the approval of all disinterested outside directors, the Company agreed to loan Mr. Sherertz up to \$60,000 between December 2001 and June 2002 to assist Mr. Sherertz in meeting his debt service obligations of interest only on a personal loan from the Company's principal bank, which is secured by his holdings of Company stock. In the Spring of 2002, with the approval of all disinterested outside directors, the Company agreed to extend its financial commitment to lend to Mr. Sherertz amounts equal to an additional two quarterly interest-only payments

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11. Related Party Transactions (Continued)

in July and September 2002. The Company's note receivable from Mr. Sherertz bears interest at prime less 50 basis points, which is the same rate as Mr. Sherertz's personal loan from the bank. As of December 31, 2002, the note receivable from Mr. Sherertz totaled approximately \$107,000 and is shown as contra equity in the Statements of Stockholders' Equity.

During 2001, pursuant to the approval of all disinterested outside directors, the Company entered into a split dollar life insurance agreement with Mr. Sherertz's personal trust. Terms of the agreement provide that upon Mr. Sherertz's death, the Company will recoup from his trust all insurance premiums paid by the Company. During each of 2002 and 2001, the Company paid annual life insurance premiums of approximately \$56,000. In addition, during each of 2002 and 2001, the Company paid a cash bonus of approximately \$39,000 to Mr. Sherertz in connection with his personal expenses related to the split dollar life insurance program.

In October 2001, the Company entered into an agreement with Mr. Sherertz to rent a residence in La Quinta, California owned by Mr. Sherertz for use in entertaining the Company's customers. During 2002 and 2001, the Company paid Mr. Sherertz \$97,000 and \$23,000, respectively, for rental of the property.

12. Income Taxes

The (benefit from) provisions for income taxes are as follows (in thousands):

	2002	2001	2000	_
Current: Federal State	\$ (2,45	52) \$ 7	24 \$ 2,019 2 _ 598	
Deferred:	(2,44	5)	26 2,617	<i>,</i>
Federal State	1,59 (3	• •	356) (965 244) (206	•
	1,55	(1,6	(1,171	Σ
Total (benefit) provision	\$ (89	92) \$ (1,5	<u> (74)</u> \$ 1,446	,

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12. Income Taxes (Continued)

Deferred income tax assets (liabilities) are comprised of the following components (in thousands):

		2002	 2001
Gross deferred income tax assets:			
Workers' compensation claims liabilities	\$	2,488	\$ 3,413
Safety incentives payable		99	104
Allowance for doubtful accounts		16	159
Amortization of intangibles		-	634
Deferred compensation		510	447
Net operating losses and tax credits		542	146
Other		63	303
		3,718	 5,206
Gross deferred income tax liabilities:		<u>-</u>	
Tax depreciation in excess of book depreciation		(93)	(97)
Amortization of intangibles	_	(69)	
		(162)	 (97)
Net deferred income tax assets	\$	3,556	\$ 5,109

The effective tax rate differed from the U.S. statutory federal tax rate due to the following:

	Year ended December 31,			
	2002	2001	2000	
Statutory federal tax rate	(34.0) %	(34.0) %	34.0 %	
State taxes, net of federal benefit	(1.0)	(4.0)	7.2	
Nondeductible expenses	5.8	· -	1.6	
Nondeductible amortization of intangibles	-	2.2	5.0	
Federal tax-exempt interest income	(2.6)	(1.8)	(2.3)	
Federal tax credits	(8.0)	(2.0)	(4.0)	
Other, net	0.1	0.2	(0.7)	
	(39.7) %	(39.4) %	40.8 %	

At December 31, 2002, the Company had federal net operating tax losses of \$6,456,000, which will be carried back against taxable income for the year 1997 and will provide a federal income tax refund in 2003. The Company also had state tax loss carryforwards of \$6,484,000, which expire in varying amounts between 2007 and 2022.

At December 31, 2002, the Company had \$304,000 and \$88,000 of unused U.S. federal Work Opportunity Tax Credits and Welfare to Work Tax Credits, respectively. These credits may be carried forward until expiration between 2021 and 2022. Additionally, the Company had unused U.S. federal Alternative Minimum Tax Credits of \$24,000 which may be carried forward without expiration.

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13. Stock Incentive Plan

The Company has a Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") which provides for stock-based awards to Company employees, non-employee directors and outside consultants or advisors. Since inception, the Company's stockholders have approved two increases in the total number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the Plan. Currently, the total shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the Plan is 1,550,000. The options generally become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the date of grant and expire ten years after the date of grant. Under the terms of the Plan, the exercise price of incentive stock options must not be less than the fair market value of the Company's stock on the date of grant.

In addition, certain of the Company's branch management employees have elected to receive a portion of their quarterly cash bonus in the form of nonqualified deferred compensation stock options. Such options are awarded at a sixty percent discount from the then-fair market value of the Company's stock and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant. During 2001, the Company awarded deferred compensation stock options for 7,811 shares at an average exercise price of \$1.45 per share. During 2000, the Company awarded deferred compensation stock options for 25,466 shares at an average exercise price of \$2.22 per share. During 2002, the Company made no awards of deferred compensation stock options. In accordance with Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 25, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$17,000 and \$85,000 for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively, in connection with the issuance of these discounted options.

On August 22, 2001, the Company offered to all employee optionees who held options with an exercise price of more than \$5.85 per share (covering a total of 812,329 shares), the opportunity to voluntarily return for cancellation without payment any stock option award with an exercise price above that price. At the close of the offer period on September 20, 2001, stock options for a total of 797,229 shares were voluntarily surrendered for cancellation. On August 20, 2002, the Compensation Committee of the Company's board of directors approved the issuance of a total of 357,000 options to then-current employees.

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13. Stock Incentive Plan (Continued)

A summary of the status of the Company's stock options at December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, together with changes during the periods then ended, are presented below:

	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at December 31, 1999	893,718	\$ 11.16
Options granted at market price Options granted below market price Options exercised Options canceled or expired	171,056 25,466 (7,000) (127,578)	6.57 2.22 4.01 9.03
Outstanding at December 31, 2000	955,662	10.44
Options granted at market price Options granted below market price Options exercised Options voluntarily surrendered Options canceled or expired	99,562 7,811 - (797,229) (13,600)	3.74 1.45 - 11.53 8.72
Outstanding at December 31, 2001	252,206	
Options granted at market price Options granted below market price Options exercised Options canceled or expired	372,719 - (16,556) (88,174)	3.16 - 3.67 3.58
Outstanding at December 31, 2002	520,195	
Available for grant at December 31, 2002	788,815	

The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, with the following weighted-average assumptions used for grants in 2002, 2001 and 2000:

	2002	2001	<u> 20</u> 00
Expected volatility	58%	56%	50%
Risk free rate of return	2.94%	4.59%	6.20%
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%	0%
Expected life (years)	5.0	5.0	7.0

Total fair value of options granted at market price was computed to be \$571,000, \$197,000 and \$674,000 for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, respectively. Total fair value of options granted at 60% discount to market price was computed to be approximately \$21,000 and \$111,000 for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 respectively. There were no options granted during 2002 below market price. The weighted average fair-value per share of all options granted in 2002, 2001 and 2000 was \$1.53, \$2.03 and \$3.94, respectively.

Notes to Financial Statements

13. Stock Incentive Plan (Continued)

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2002:

Options outstanding				Options exercisable					
 xercise	price	· range	Number of shares	a	eighted- verage kercise price	Weighted- average remaining contractual life (years)	Exercisable at December 31, 2002	a e	eighted- verage xercise price
\$ 1.45	- \$	3.58	367,776	\$	3.12	9.2	30,776	\$	3.00
3.63	-	7.75	145,419		4.21	7.8	47,002		4.66
11.50	-	17.75	7,000		13.58	3.9	7,000		13.58
			520,195				84,778		

At December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, 84,778, 135,344 and 619,009 options were exercisable at weighted average exercise prices of \$4.79, \$4.21 and \$11.33, respectively.

14. Stockholders' Equity

During 2002, the Company received a final liquidating distribution from a former insolvent customer. The customer's receivable was personally guaranteed by the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, who had previously satisfied the guarantee to the Company in full. As such, the payment by the Company of approximately \$28,000 to the Company's President represented a partial recovery for the guaranter of the guaranteed receivable.

15. Stock Repurchase Program

During 1999, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program to purchase common shares from time to time in open market purchases. Since inception, the Board has approved six increases in the total number of shares or dollars authorized to be repurchased under the program. The repurchase program currently allows for \$390,000 to be used for the repurchase of additional shares as of December 31, 2002. During 2002, the Company repurchased 100,900 shares at an aggregate price of \$386,000. During 2001, the Company repurchased 603,600 shares at an aggregate price of \$2,307,000. During 2000, the Company repurchased 1,017,300 shares at an aggregate price of \$4,541,000. In accordance with Maryland corporation law, all repurchased shares are immediately cancelled.

16. Litigation

The Company is subject to legal proceedings and claims, which arise in the ordinary course of its business. In the opinion of management, the amount of ultimate liability with respect to currently pending or threatened actions is not expected to materially affect the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

Notes to Financial Statements

17. Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited)

The Company's financial statements have been restated for the first, second and third quarters of 2002 and as noted in Note 1 to the financial statements, all quarters for the year ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 have been restated.

(in thousands, except per share amounts and market price per share)

		First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter
Year ended December 31, 2000 Restated revenues Adjustment Revenues, as previously reported	\$ 	53,681 33,441 87,122	\$	57,597 28,905 86,502	\$	55,233 25,511 80,744	\$	44,117 23,981 68,098
Restated cost of revenues Adjustment Cost of revenues, as previously reported		45,078 33,441 78,519		48,819 28,905 77,724	Longoli	47,319 25,511 72,830	1110000	37,607 23,981 61,588
Net income Basic earnings per share Diluted earnings per share Common stock market prices:		744 .10 .10		794 .11 .11		500 .07 .07		63 .01 .01
High Low	\$	7.63 5.00	\$	7.50 5.00	\$	6.44 5.00	\$	5.25 2.50
Year ended December 31, 2001 Restated revenues Adjustment	\$	35,397 19,756	\$	33,853 18,698	\$	37,901 20,381	\$	32,240 18,437
Revenues, as previously reported Restated cost of revenues Adjustment Cost of revenues, as previously reported	_	55,153 30,055 19,756 49,811		52,551 28,675 18,698 47,373	-	58,282 31,927 20,381 52,308	,	50,677 30,699 18,437 49,136
Net (loss) income Basic (loss) earnings per share Diluted (loss) earnings per share Common stock market prices:		(211) (.03) (.03)		(184) (.03) (.03)	<u></u>	242 .04 .04		(2,269) (.38) (.38)
High Low	\$	4.00 3.38	\$	3.97 3.30	\$	4.25 3.05	\$	5.06 3.04
Year ended December 31, 2002 Restated revenues Adjustment Revenues, as previously reported	\$	25,738 15,227 40,965	\$	27,766 15,082 42,848	\$	30,090 15,555 45,645	\$	25,714 - 25,714
Restated cost of revenues Adjustment Cost of revenues, as previously reported		21,951 15,227 37,178		23,414 15,082 38,496	-	25,717 15,555 41,272		23,261
Net (loss) income Basic (loss) earnings per share Diluted (loss) earnings per share Common stock market prices:		(417) (.07) (.07)	Dad	1 -		56 .01 .01	en en	(993) (.17) (.17)
High Low	\$	4.00 3.15	\$	4.00 2.74	\$	3.50 2.01	\$	4.00 2.67

SIGNATURES

* By

/s/ Michael D. Mulholland Michael D. Mulholland

Attorney-in-Fact

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Regis
trant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly
authorized.

BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.	
Registrant	
Date: April 11, 2003	By: <u>/s/ Michael D. Mulholland</u> Michael D. Mulholland Vice President-Finance and Secretary
Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exc below by the following persons on behalf of the Re day of April, 2003.	
Principal Executive Officer and Director:	
* WILLIAM W. SHERERTZ	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director
Principal Financial Officer:	
<u>/s/ Michael D. Mulholland</u> Michael D. Mulholland	Vice President-Finance and Secretary
Principal Accounting Officer:	
/s/ James D. Miller James D. Miller	Controller and Assistant Secretary
A Majority of Other Directors:	
* THOMAS J. CARLEY	Director
* JAMES B. HICKS	Director
* ANTHONY MEEKER	Director

CERTIFICATIONS

- I, William W. Sherertz, certify that:
 - 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Barrett Business Services, Inc.;
 - 2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
 - 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
 - 4. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the Registrant and we have:
 - designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant is made known to us by others within the Company, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
 - b. evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
 - c. presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
 - 5. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of Registrant's board of directors:
 - all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the Registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
 - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal controls; and
 - 6. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have indicated in this annual report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: April 11, 2003

/s/ William W. Sherertz William W. Sherertz Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

- I, Michael D. Mulholland, certify that:
 - 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Barrett Business Services, Inc.;
 - 2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
 - 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
 - 4. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the Registrant and we have:
 - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant is made known to us by others within the Company, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
 - b. evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
 - c. presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
 - 5. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of Registrant's board of directors:
 - a. all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the Registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
 - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal controls; and
 - 6. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have indicated in this annual report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: April 11, 2003

/s/ Michael D. Mulholland Michael D. Mulholland Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

- 3.1 Charter of the Registrant, as amended. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1994.
- 3.2 Bylaws of the Registrant, as amended. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996.
 - The Registrant has incurred long-term indebtedness as to which the amount involved is less than 10 percent of the Registrant's total assets. The Registrant agrees to furnish copies of the instruments relating to such indebtedness to the Commission upon request.
- 10.1 Second Amended and Restated 1993 Stock Incentive Plan of the Registrant. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001.*
- 10.2 Form of Indemnification Agreement with each director of the Registrant. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 33-61804).*
- 10.3 Deferred Compensation Plan for Management Employees of the Registrant. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997.*
- 10.4 Employment Agreement between the Registrant and Michael D. Mulholland, dated January 26, 1999. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998.*
- 10.5 Promissory note of William W. Sherertz dated December 10, 2001. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001.*
- 10.6 Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of September 2, 2002, between the Registrant and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 4, 2002 (the "Form 8-K").
- 10.7 Revolving Line of Credit Note dated as of September 2, 2002, in the amount of \$11,000,000 issued to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Form 8-K.
- 10.8 Security Agreement Equipment dated as of September 2, 2002, executed in favor of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Form 8-K.
- 10.9 Continuing Security Agreement Rights to Payment dated as of September 2, 2002, executed in favor of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Form 8-K.
- 10.10 First Amendment, dated March 21, 2003, to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement between the Registrant and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated September 2, 2002.
- 10.11 First Modification to Promissory Note entered into as of March 21, 2003, by and between the Registrant and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
- 10.12 Second Amendment, dated April 30, 2003, to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement between the Registrant and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated September 2, 2002.
- 10.13 Revolving Line of Credit Note dated as of April 30, 2003, in the amount of \$8,000,000 issued to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
- 23 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants.
- 24 Power of attorney of certain officers and directors.
- 99.1 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 99.2 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- * Denotes a management contract or a compensatory plan or arrangement.

DIRECTORS

WILLIAM W. SHERERTZ

President and Chief Executive Officer

FORES J. BEAUDRY
Independent Insurance Agent and
Marketing Consultant

THOMAS J. CARLEY Private Investor

JAMES B. HICKS, Ph. D. Co-founder and Chief Technology Officer, Virogenomics, Inc.

ANTHONY MEEKER
Managing Director,
Victory Capital Management, Inc.

NANCY B. SHERERTZ Private Investor

OFFICERS

WILLIAM W. SHERERTZ

President and Chief Executive Officer

MICHAEL D. MULHOLLAND Vice President-Finance and Secretary

GREGORY R. VAUGHN Vice President

STOCKHOLDER INFORMATION

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meet of stockholders will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, at the Company's executive offices in Portland, Oregon. All stockholders are invited to attend the annual meeting, however, only stockholders of record on March 31, 2003 will be entitled to vote at the meeting.

STOCK LISTING

The common stock of Barrett Business Services, Inc. is traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol "BBSI." The Company had 61 shareholders of record and approximately 500 beneficial owners at March 31, 2003. The Company has paid no cash dividends since its initial public offering in June 1993.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Copies of the Company's published financial reports, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K, are available upon request and without charge by contacting Investor Relations at the address listed below or through our website at www.barrettbusiness.com

STOCKHOLDER ACCOUNT ASSISTANCE

Mellon Investor Services acts as transfer agent and registrar for the Company. For assistance regarding stock certificates (including transfers), address or name changes, or lost stock certificates, please contact:

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